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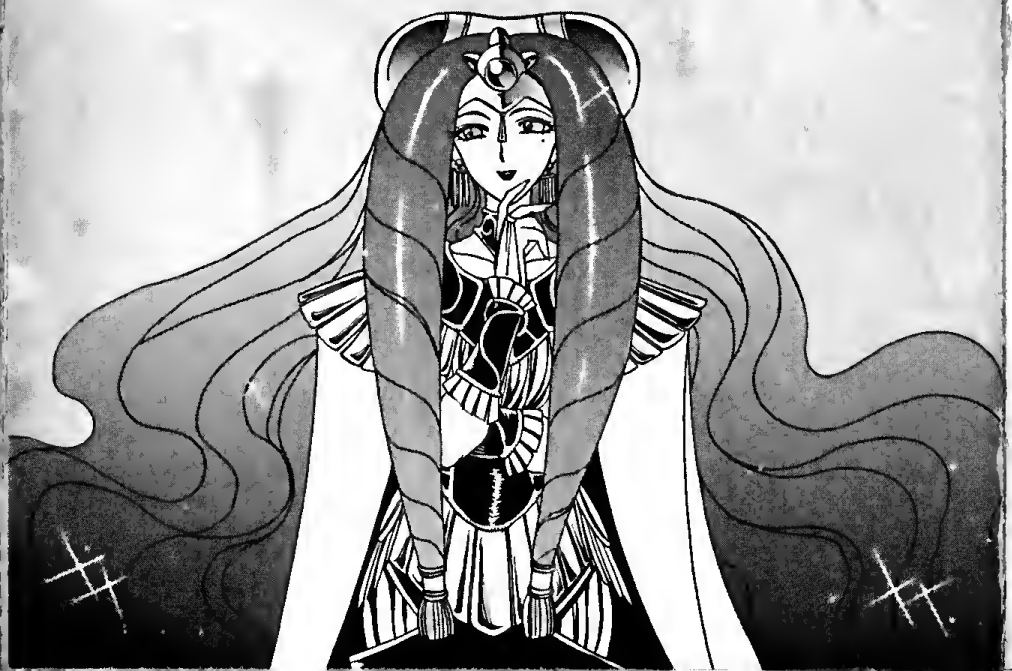

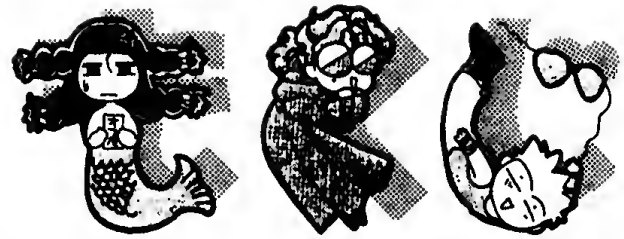

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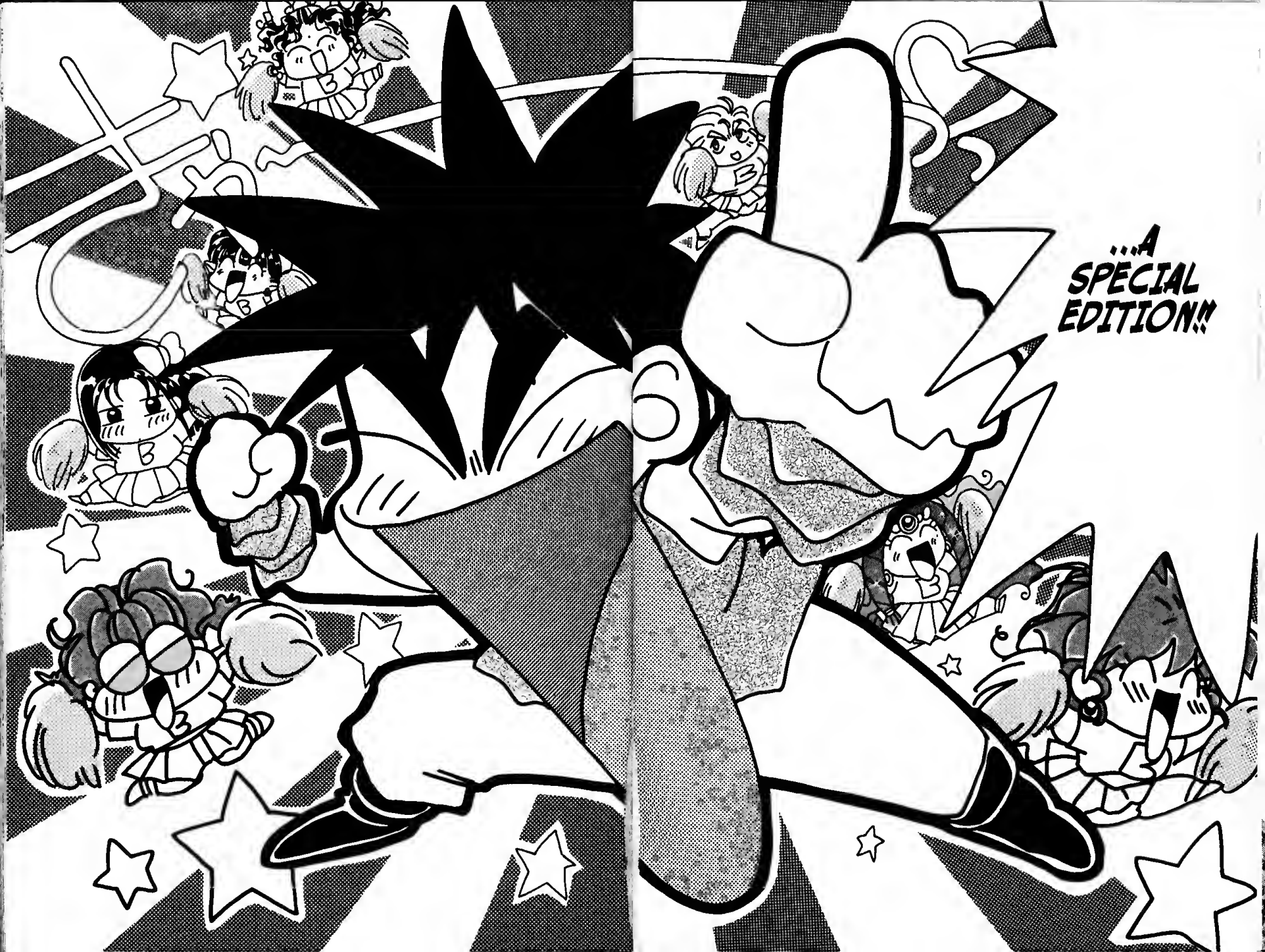
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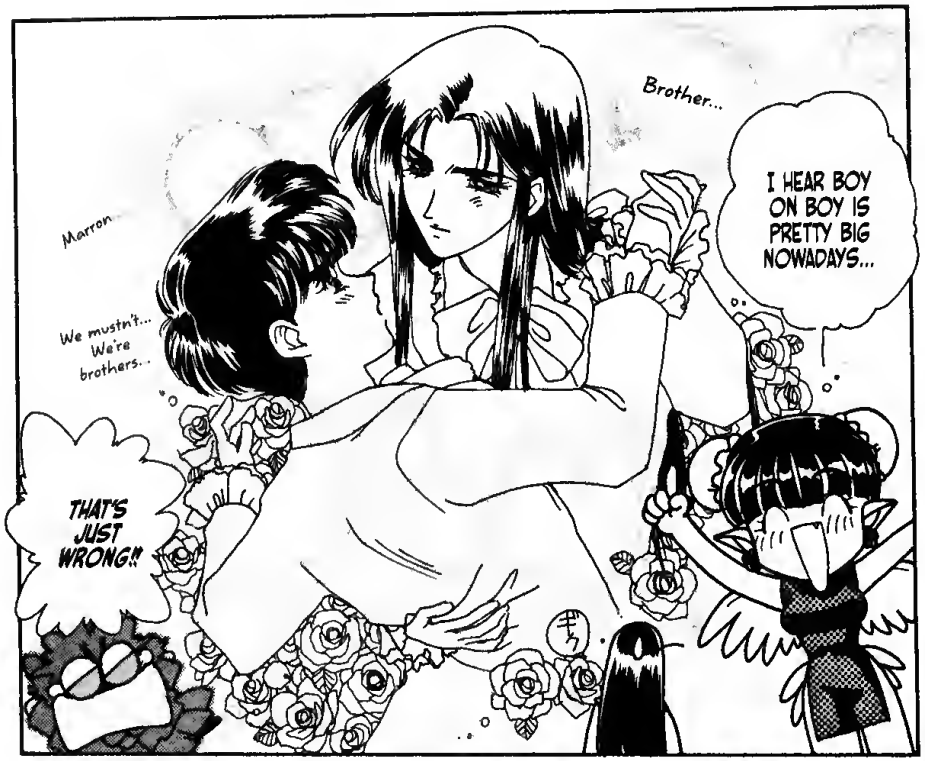
HMPH! LOVE STORIES ARE SO OLD FASHIONED...
Come on, Darling! Let's practice!
Yiee!!

WE NEED TO STEER CLEAR OF THE FETISHES!
NOT YOU, TOO, DAUGHTER...
I THINK WE SHOULD DO AN ACTION/DRAMA FOR THE MEATIER MEN!
IT'S TIME FOR SOME BIG, BEAUTIFUL MUSCLES!!
SOMETHING JUST AIN'T RIGHT HERE...

I'M 18 NOW!!
...WHAT THAT MEANS, DARLING...
YOU KNOW ...
TIME FOR A LITTLE ROMANCE!
Chocolat! You can't just pop up and start acting like a tramp!

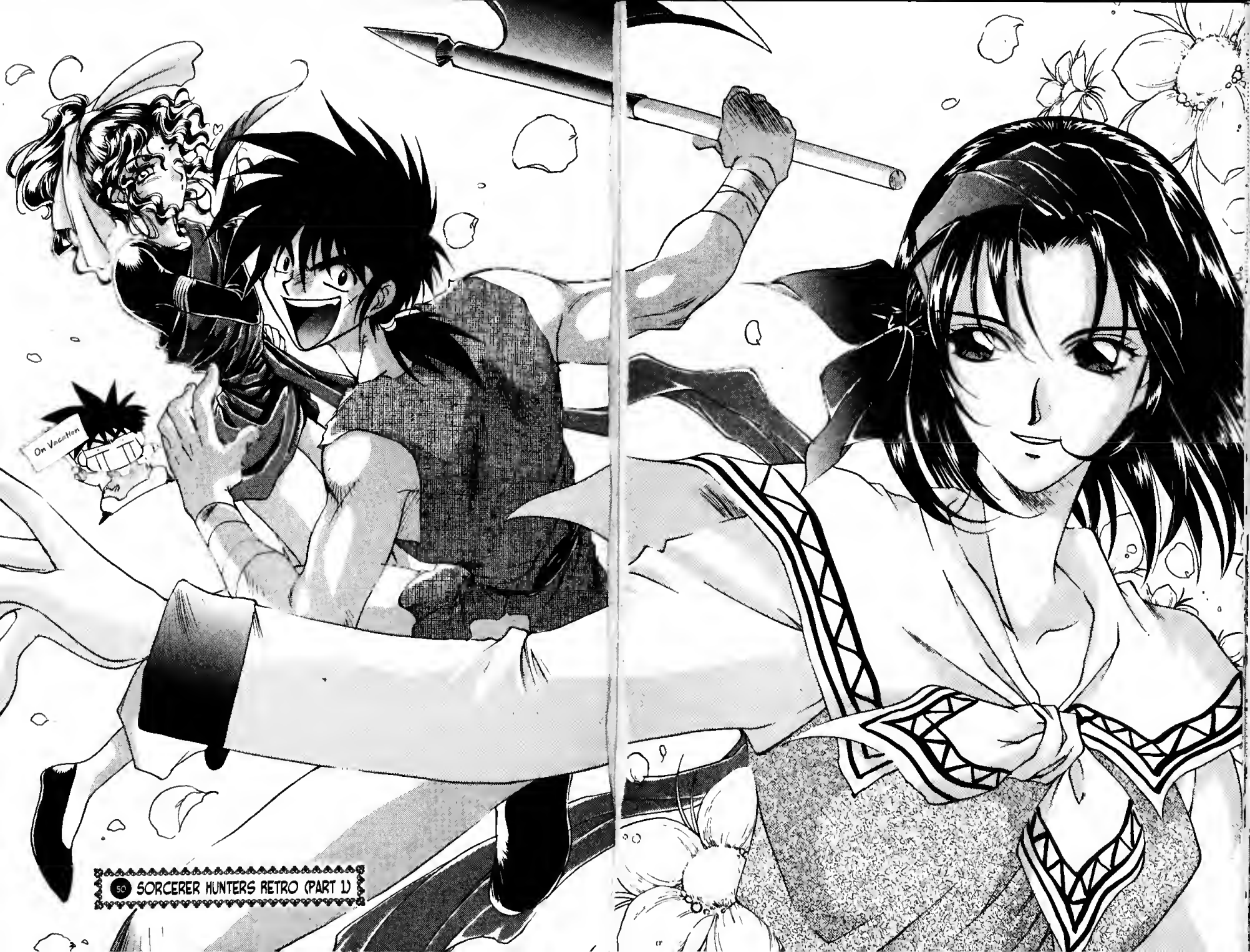


Something's wrong there, Daughter!!

HAH! HAH! YOU THINK YOU'RE EXPERIENCED ENOUGH TO CARRY A BOOK?! HAH!
HERE'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO...
WAIT! I'VE GOT IT! MAYBE MAMA CAN ACT IN A SATURDAY SUSPENSE, "WHAT THE OLD NUN SAW!"
AND THAT'S NOT FETISH-ORIENTED AT ALL!
OH, MAMA!
WE SHOULD DO "PRETTY ANGEL MAGICAL DAUGHTER"!

HERE ON SPOOLNER...
THE POWER THE SORCERERS HOLD OVER THE PARSONERS GIVES NEW DEFINITION...
...TO THE WORD CRUELTY, CAUSING THE PARSONERS TO SHED SILENT TEARS.
YET, FOR THE PEOPLE OF SPOOLNER, SHINES A RAY OF HOPE!
MYSTERIOUS AGENTS WHOSE JOB IT IS TO ELIMINATE THOSE SORCERERS WHO USE THEIR POWERS FOR EVIL.
...THOSE WITH THE POWERS OF MAGIC RULE OVER THOSE WITHOUT.
THEY CALL THEM THE SORCERER HUNTERS!

NOO!!
WAITAMINUTE!!
IT'S AN ADVENTURE! AND IT'S ABOUT ME!!!
WHAT?!
IF ONLY IT WERE THAT EASY, ONION. WHY WOULD I WANT TO MAKE CARROT THAT FAMOUS?
Why I oughtta...
OF ALL THE NERVE...!
WE'VE GOT NOTHIN' FOR YA THIS TIME!!
GET OUTTA HERE!
WHAT SAY WE GET STARTED WITH THE RETRO CHAPTER?!
HA HA!
NOOOH!
Not Apricot!!
APRICOT GETS CENTER STAGE THIS TIME OUT!


On Vacation

GAAH...!

HEH...

WHY DO YOU DO SUCH TERRIBLE THINGS?
WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

HUH?

LOOKS LIKE I CAUGHT MYSELF A BIG ONE...

HMM...

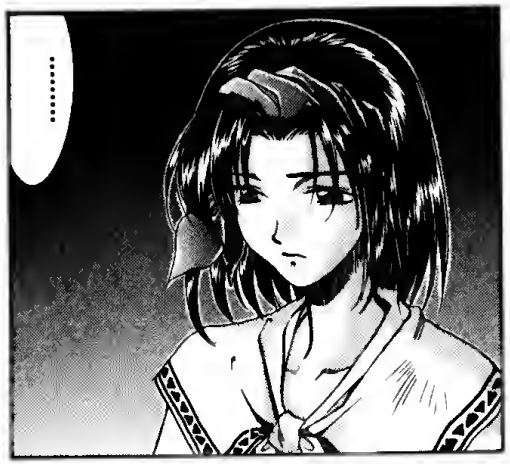
THERE YOU ARE!!

YOU'LL MAKE A FINE CENTERPIECE IN MY SALON!
WHA--?!
UHH...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! SHE'S ONLY A PARSONER!!
HE WAS JUST AN INNOCENT PARSONER.
HAH! NOT MY PROBLEM, DARLING. ONE OF THE BEST THINGS ABOUT BEING UPPER CLASS...
...IS HUNTING HUMANS.
WHAT AN ENTICING PREY...
THAT'S AWFUL!

WHAT?!
HII-RU-ZIT!!
GAAHH!!

IMPOSSIBLE!!
APRICOT!!

VERY IMPRESSIVE.
PERHAPS TOO IMPRESSIVE.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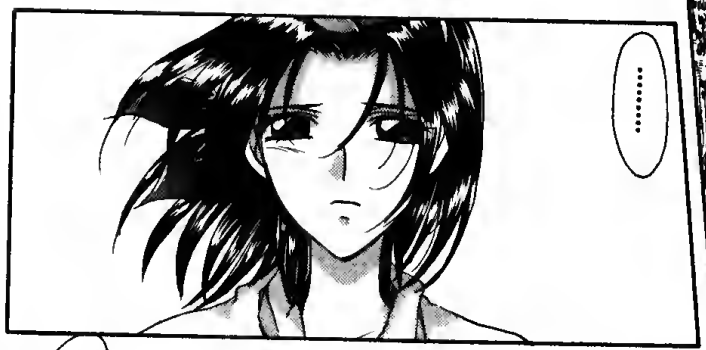
SKILLS, BABY, SKILLS!

HUH?

SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU, APRICOT?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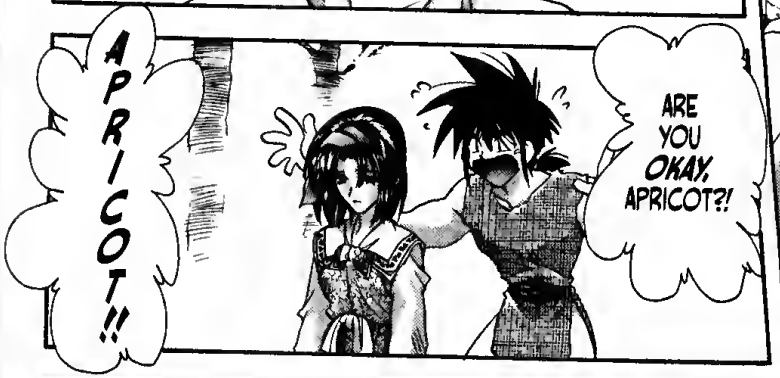

APRICOT!!
ARE YOU OKAY, APRICOT?!

.....

.....
MOTHER ...

APRICOT! WAIT!!

MUST WE BE VENGEFUL?
MOTHER, I UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO PROTECT OURSELVES ...BUT MUST WE KILL SORCERERS, TOO?

ANSWER ME!

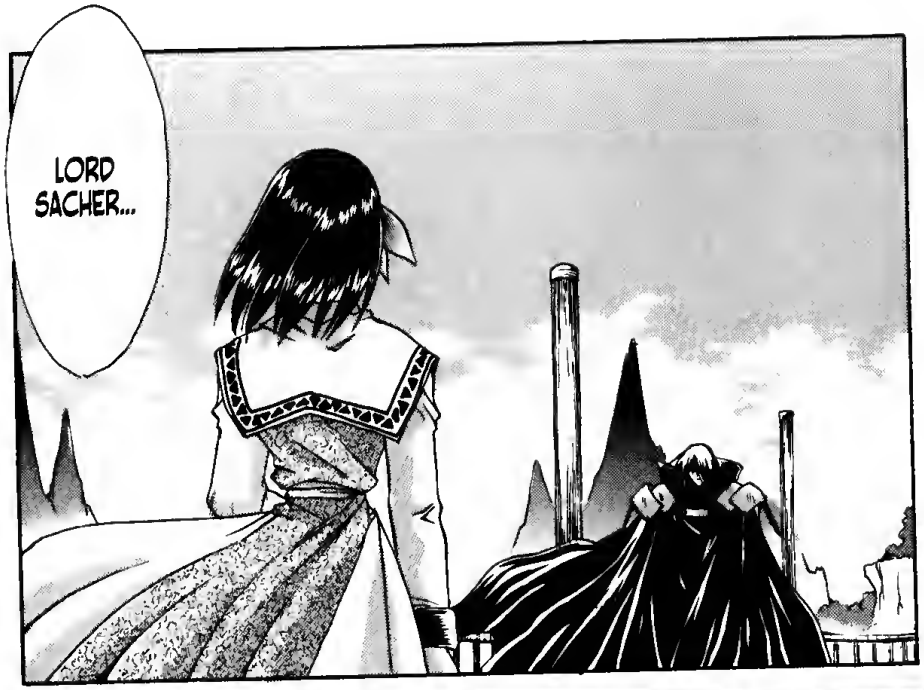
YOU ARE DISMISSED, APRICOT.

...AREN'T SORCERERS HUMAN, TOO?
I MEAN...
PIPE DOWN, WILL YA APRICOT?!

.....

ONION!!
DAMN...
いない!!
APRICOT! WAIT!!
TEE HEE! YOU KNOW YOU'RE MORE IMPORTANT TO ME! ♡
HEEEEY!!
COME ON, NOW! CUT THAT OUT!!
OH! HI, MILLE.
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE AT YOUR POST GUARDING MOTHER?
I'VE GOT TOO MUCH ON MY MIND...
...SUCH AS WHAT'S BOTHERING APRICOT!
IF SHE'D JUST GIVE ME A CHANCE...
...I COULD MAKE HER FORGET ALL OF HER WORRIES!

YOU HAVEN'T BEEN YOURSELF LATELY...
HEY--I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME, DON'T BE!
WORRY ABOUT ONE ANOTHER? THAT IS, UNLESS YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT BECOMING MORE THAN...
BUT... ISN'T THAT WHAT FRIENDS DO...?
...A LITTLE MORE RESPECTFUL WHEN YOU TALK TO MOTHER?
DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD BE...
LEAVE ME ALONE, ONION!

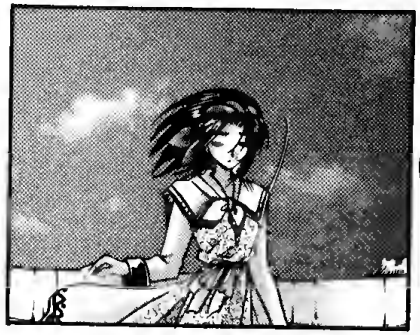

LORD SACHER...

I DID.

APRICOT...I HEAR YOU QUESTIONED MOTHER ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF THE SORCERER HUNTERS.

GET OFF ME!!
GAAAH!!

OOOH!!♡



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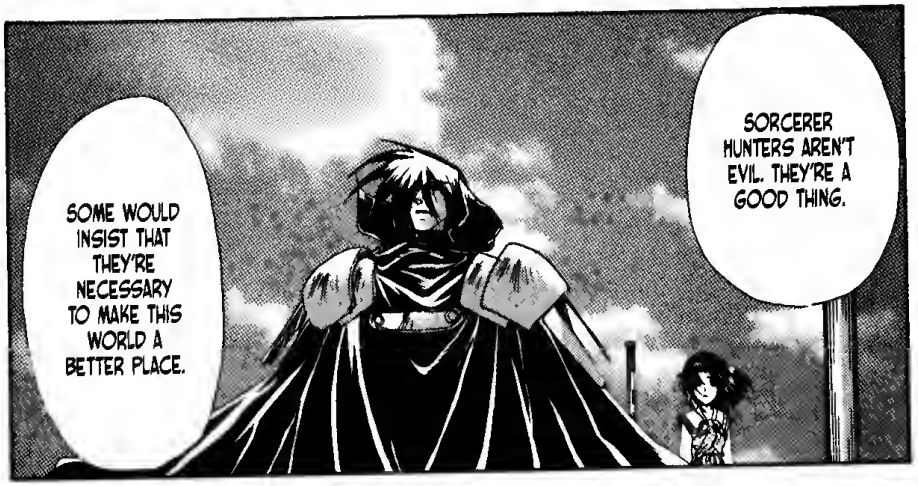
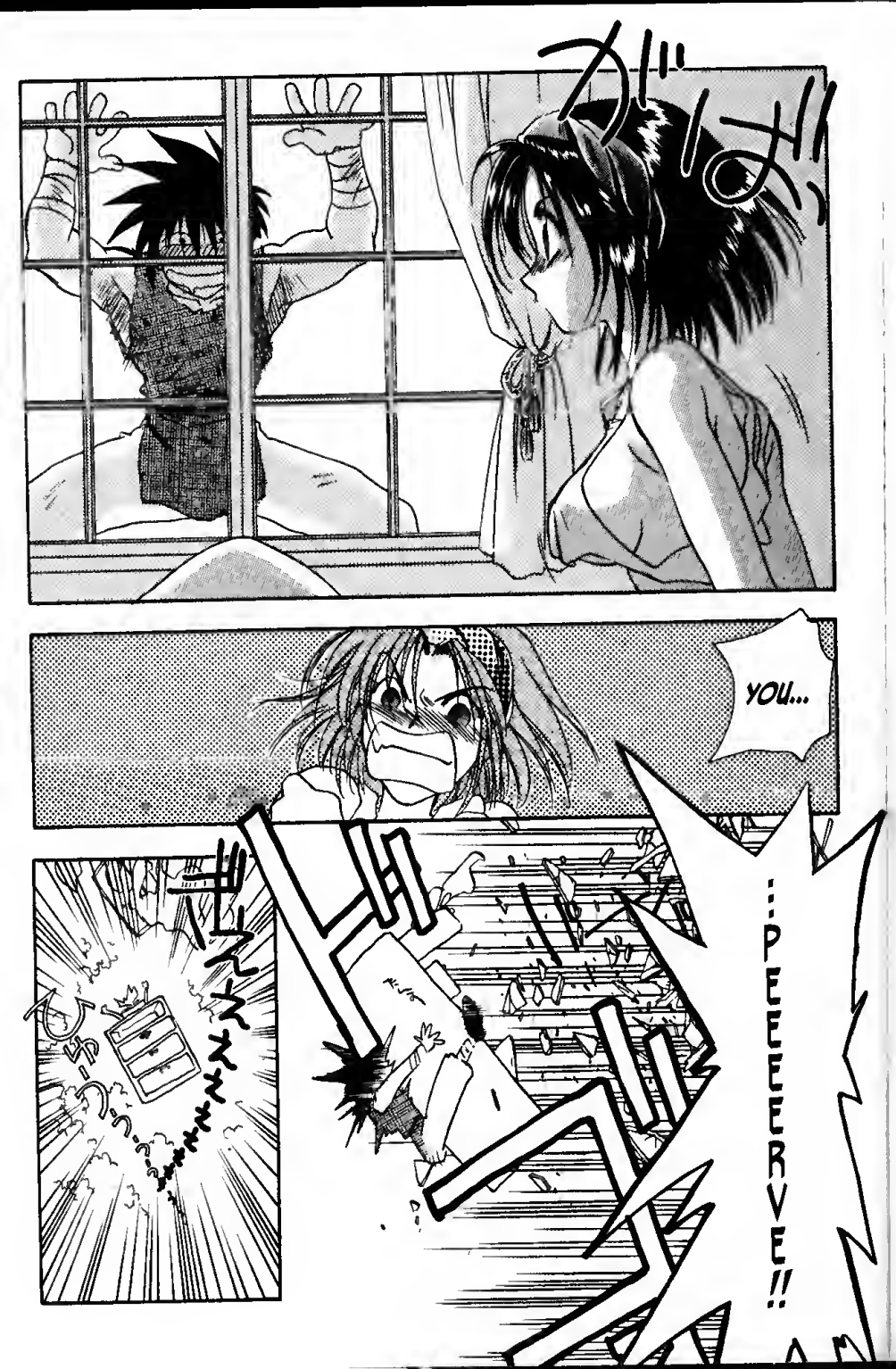

SOMETHING...
MUST YOU QUESTION EVERYTHING YOU'RE ASKED TO DO?
WON'T YOU TELL ME WHY SORCERER HUNTERS EXIST?! OR AM I WASTING MY TIME?!
THIS WORLD ...?
THEY'RE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THIS WORLD.
BUT... WHY NOT?
SORCERER HUNTERS AREN'T EVIL. THEY'RE A GOOD THING.
SOME WOULD INSIST THAT THEY'RE NECESSARY TO MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE.
.....
FROM ITS INCEPTION, THIS WORLD WAS CREATED UNBALANCED.
SORCERER HUNTERS EVEN THE SCALES...
WITHOUT SORCERER HUNTERS, THIS WORLD WOULD SLIP INTO UTTER CHAOS.
WE MUST GUIDE IT... KEEP ORDER...

...IF IT'S YOUR OWN BLOOD.
YOU CAN'T BE AFRAID TO GET BLOOD ON YOUR HANDS.
EVEN...

SO IF YOU MUST KNOW... THAT IS WHY.
AND TO KEEP ORDER... I MUST KILL PEOPLE?
.....
I HAVE TO GO.


YOU...
...PEEEERVE!!

THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT...
IS THIS THE ONLY WAY?
HOW CAN WE BE ANY BETTER THAN THE SORCERERS?
.....
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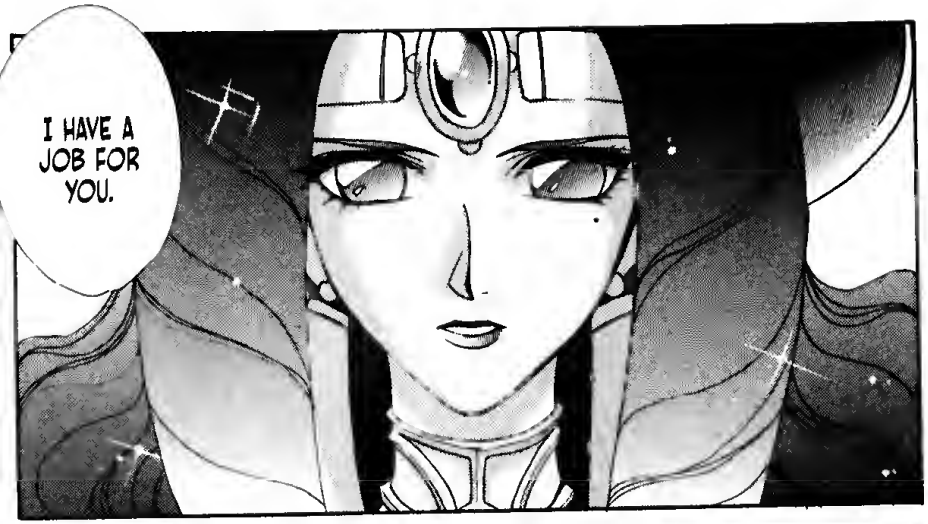
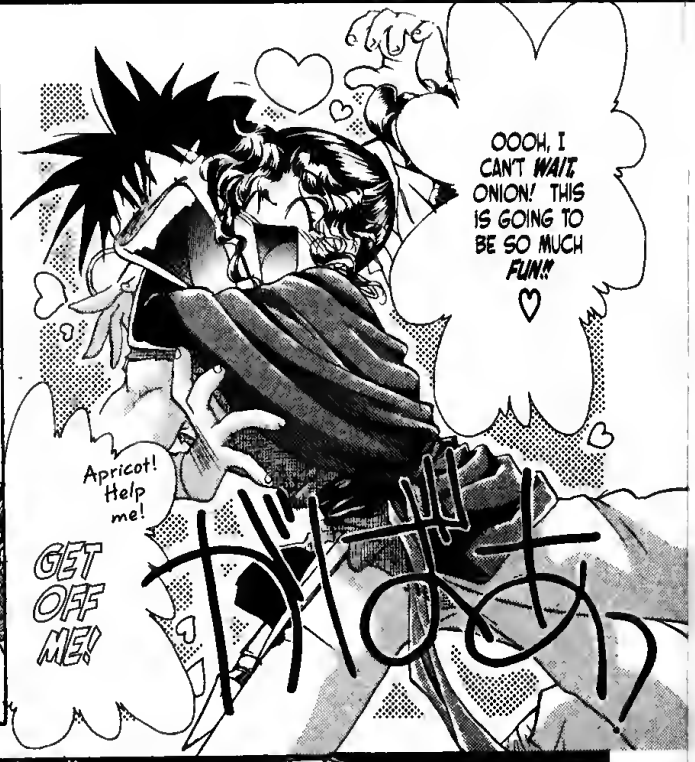
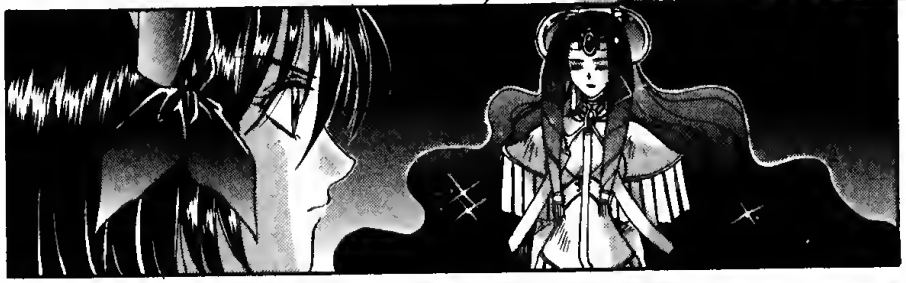
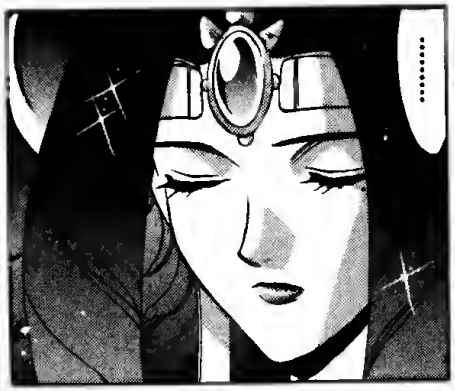

I HAVE A JOB FOR YOU.

THIS TIME, THERE IS NO TARGET.
.....
WHAT ARE WE DOING-- SEALING A FORBIDDEN SPELL OR SOME-THING?
HUH?!
YOU'LL KNOW WHEN YOU GET THERE.

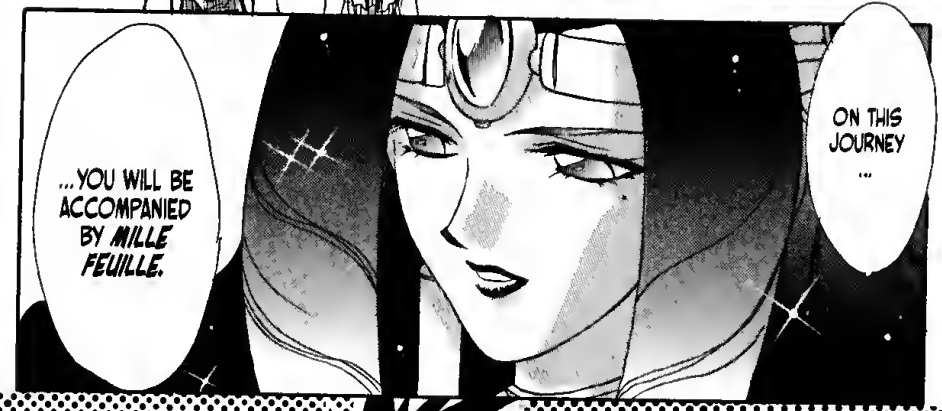
WHAT? I'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT YOU!!
SERIOUSLY!
IS THAT SO?!
MOTHER WOULD LIKE A WORD WITH YOU TWO.
HUH?







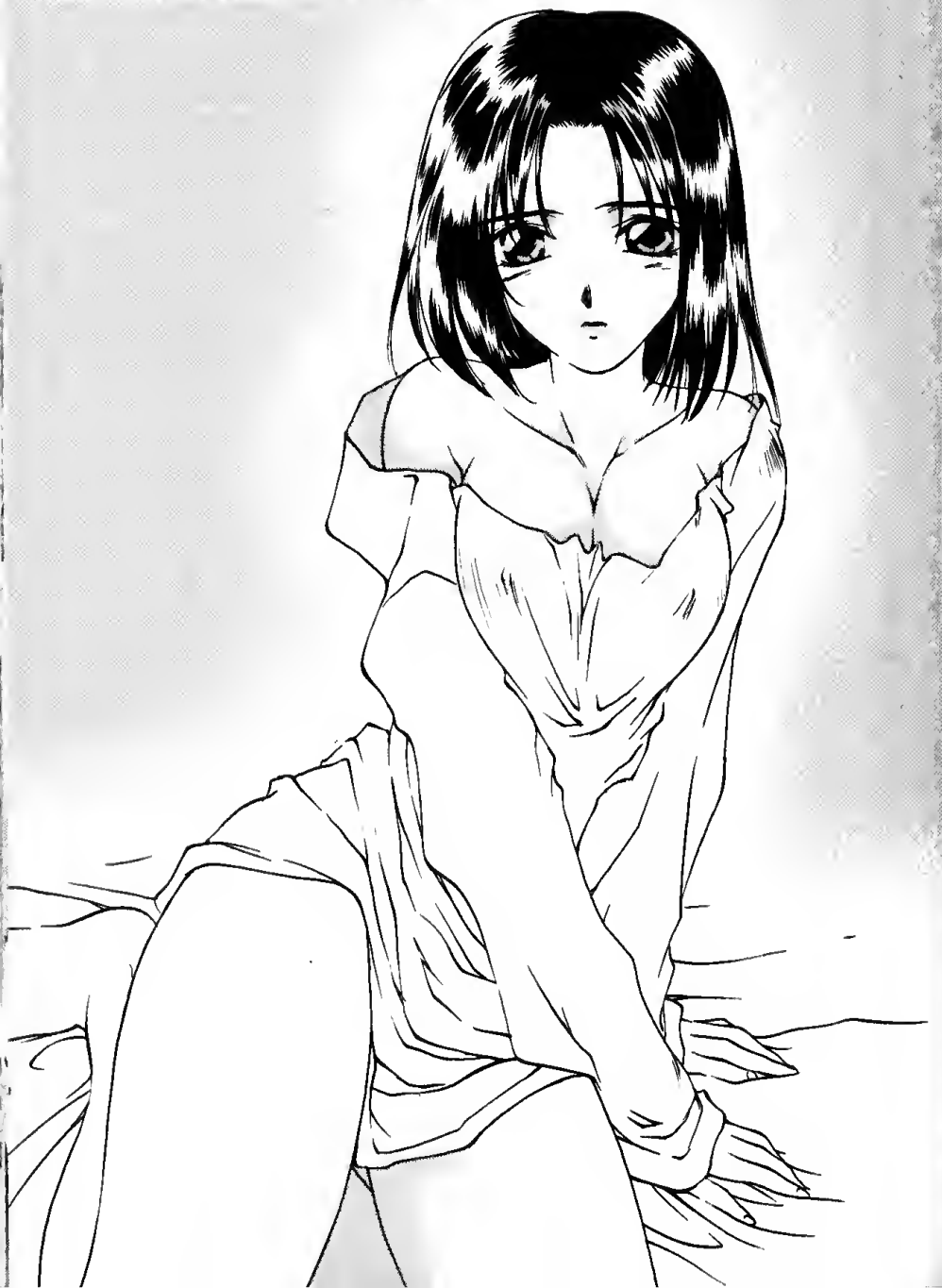
THAT'S WHERE THE FIRST HOLY MOTHER OF THE STELLA CHURCH IS SAID TO HAVE LIVED...

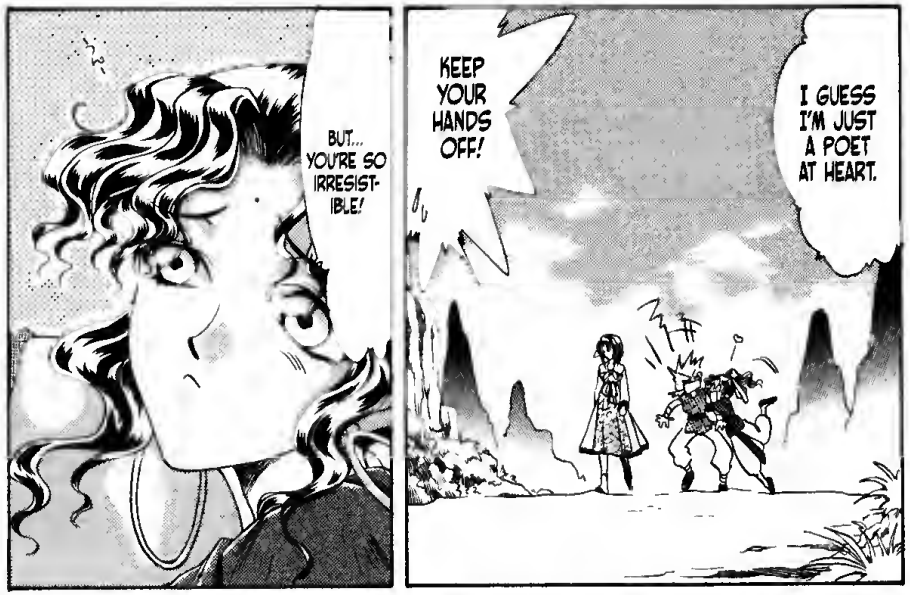


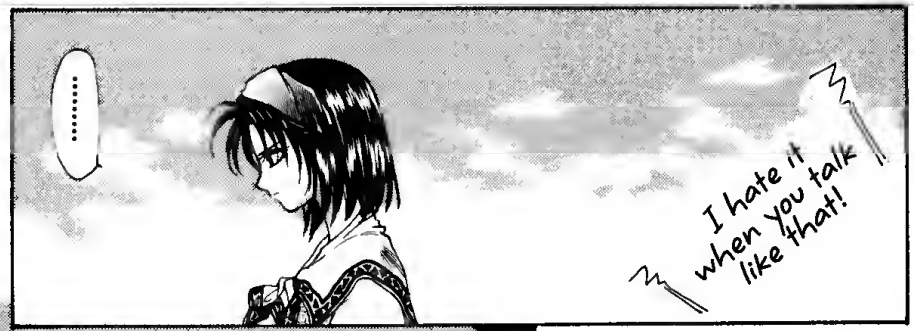
MOTHER ...
WHY DID YOU SEND THEM TO THE VALLEY OF GALNA-GALM?
BECAUSE APRICOT IS DIFFERENT.
WHAT?
THERE IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT HER...
SOMETHING... SPECIAL...
.....

WHY IS MOTHER SENDING US ALL THE WAY TO GALNA-GALM?
I HAVEN'T HEARD OF ANY DANGER THERE...
OH, ONION! ♡♡
AARGH! WOULD YOU CUT THAT OUT?!
DID MOTHER TELL YOU ANYTHING, MILLE?
NOPE, SORRY. NOT A WORD.
DAMMIT! LEGGO, YOU HUMAN TICK!!
.....

DOES THIS MEAN THAT YOU HAVE FOUND THEM?!
YESSS....
WHERE, DAMMIT?! WHERE ARE THOSE SORCERER HUNTERS WHO KILLED MY SON?!
PATIENCE...
ACCORDING TO MY CRYSTAL BALL...
...THEY ARE HEADING EAST.




BUT... YOU'RE SO IRRESISTIBLE!
KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF!
I GUESS I'M JUST A POET AT HEART.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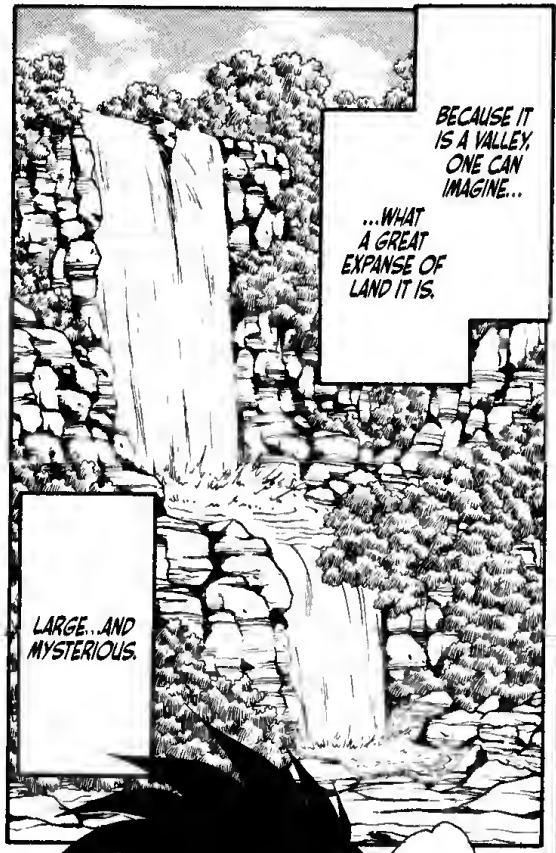
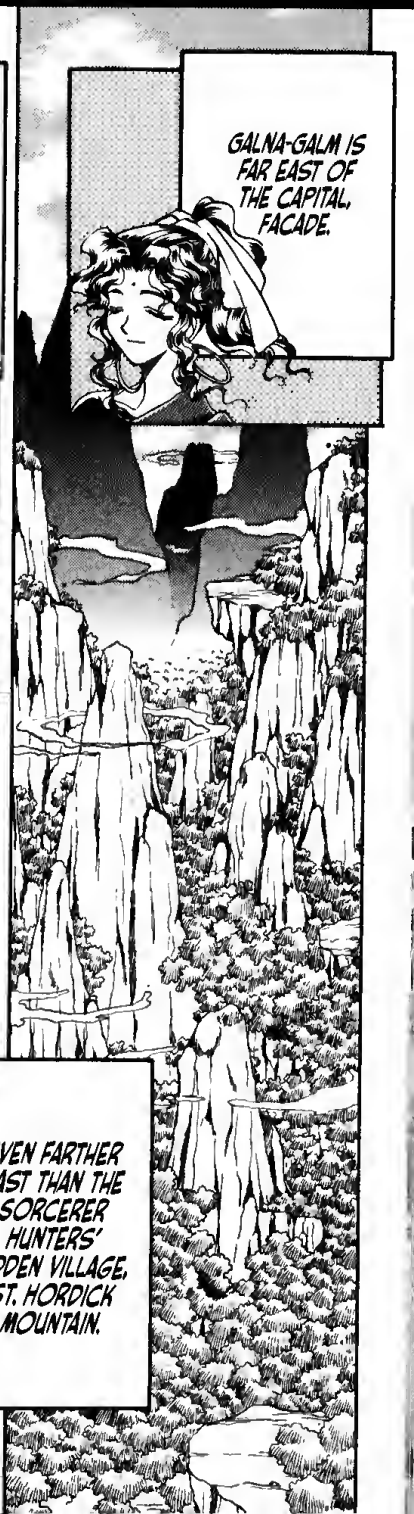
I hate it when you talk like that!

WHAT'S MOTHER REALLY UP TO?
APRICOT ...
...WHAT'S WRONG?


LARGE...AND MYSTERIOUS.
...WHAT A GREAT EXPANSE OF LAND IT IS.
BECAUSE IT IS A VALLEY, ONE CAN IMAGINE...


GALNA-GALM IS FAR EAST OF THE CAPITAL, FACADE.
EVEN FARTHER EAST THAN THE SORCERER HUNTERS' HIDDEN VILLAGE, ST. HORDICK MOUNTAIN.

WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT, MILLE?

I ALREADY TOLD YOU...I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.
.....
.....
PERHAPS IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE BIRTH OF THE STELLA CHURCH AND THE...SORCERER HUNTERS.
SURE.
ALL I KNOW IS THAT THERE'S SOME GREAT SECRET IN THE VALLEY OF GALNA-GALM.
WHAT?!
A SECRET?

I MEAN, DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ODD?
"YOU'LL KNOW WHEN YOU GET THERE..." WHY IS SHE SO ELUSIVE?
WHAT?
.....
OUT WITH IT, MILLE! WHAT DO YOU KNOW?!
MAYBE SHE'S TRYING TO PROTECT US.
FEH. WHO KNOWS?
YOU'RE ONE OF MOTHER'S ELITE INNER GUARD-- THE HAZ KNIGHTS!

EVERYTHING WAS BORN IN FIRE. THE FAMILLE EMPIRE...
THE STELLA CHURCH...
.....
A FIRE NAMED WAR...
THAT WHICH IS BORN IN FIRE MUST CONTINUE TO BURN FOREVER.
YET YOU STILL ATTEMPT TO UPHOLD THIS WORLD.

FIRE...
WHY IS MOTHER SENDING ME THERE?

CHANGE WILL COME ABOUT SLOWLY, BUT SURELY...
...BUT WILL IT COME SOON ENOUGH?
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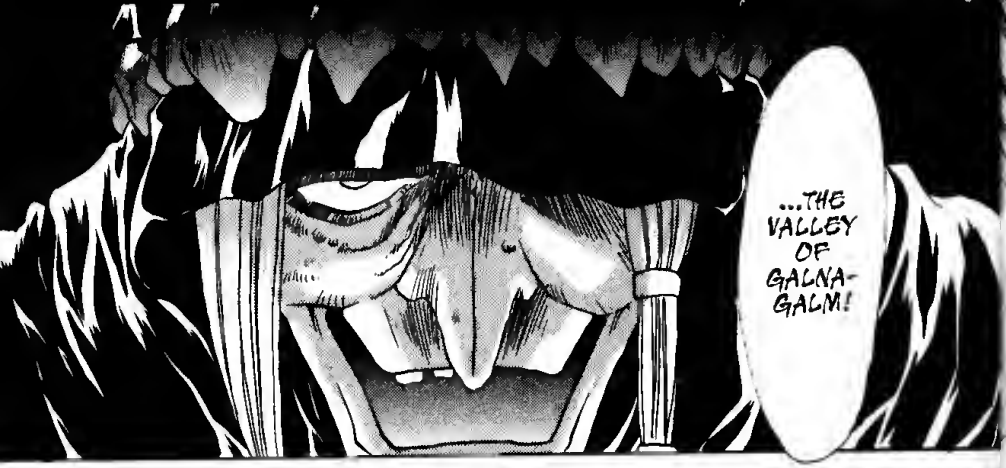
CAN'T WE SPEED THIS THING UP?!
WHERE ARE THEY?!
THOSE BASTARDS WILL PAY FOR KILLING MY SON!
CALM DOWN, MARQUIS BROKKEN.
MAKE NO MISTAKE!

.....
PERHAPS APRICOT CAN PLAY A PART IN THAT CHANGE...
...ONCE THE VALLEY OF GALNA-GALM ACCEPTS HER.
.....
THIS WORLD IS CHANG-ING...
...SLOWLY, BUT SURELY.
EVEN THAT WHICH IS BORN OF FIRE CAN CHANGE TO SOMETHING THAT BRINGS LIFE.

WHA--?!
HEH... NOT GOD. I THINK WE MAY KNOW WHERE YOUR PRECIOUS HUNTERS ARE HEADED...
WHAT IN GOD'S NAME...?!
HUH...

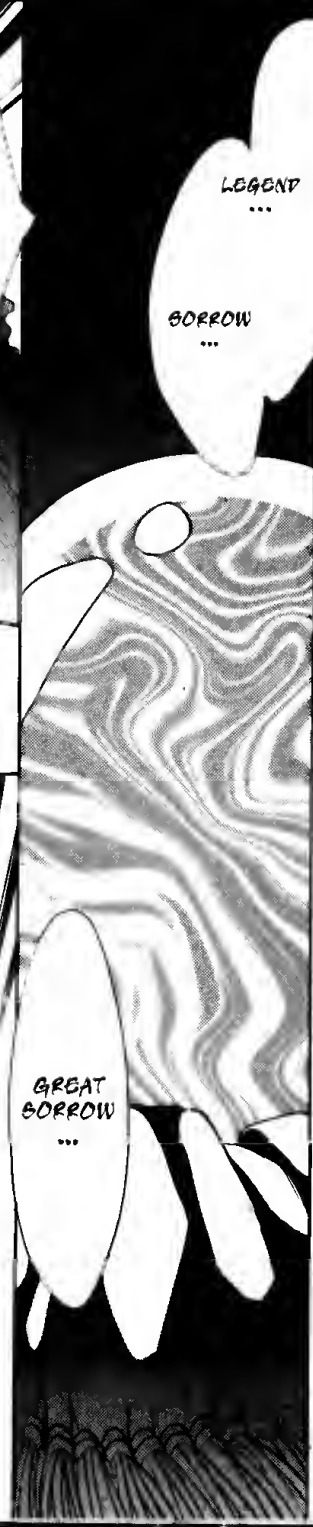
GIN NAM-BA!
HOW CAN YOU CLAIM TO BE THE MOST POWERFUL SORCERESS IN THE FAMILLE EMPIRE...
...SUPPOSEDLY THE *ONLY ONE* ABLE TO *DEFEAT* THE SORCERER HUNTERS...
...YET YOU CAN'T FIND THEM?!
SILENCE, YOU ARROGANT BASTARD! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!!
WH-WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
MY DARLING BOYS WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM.


...THE VALLEY OF GALNA-GALM!

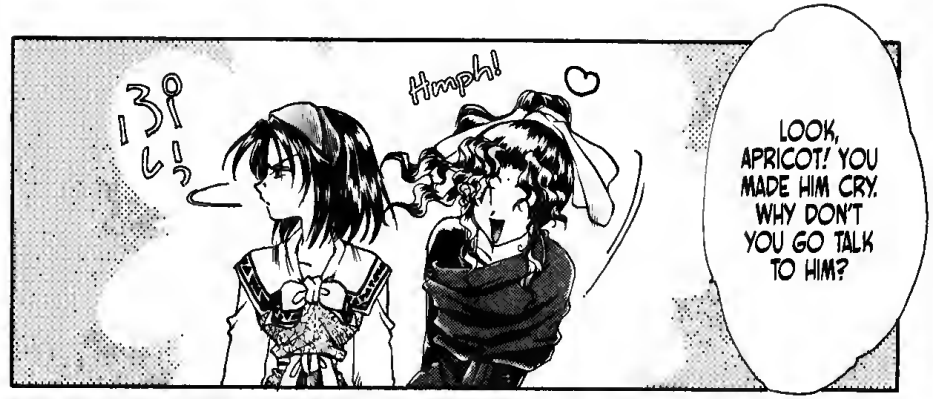
AMAZING...
OH, MY...!
.....

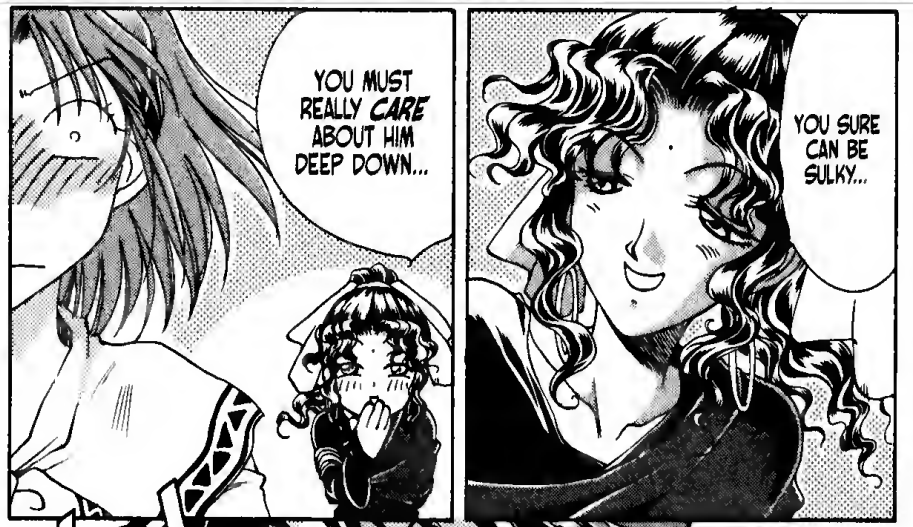
...AND LIGHT!

AHHH!!
THE HOLY LAND THAT SPINS THE THREADS OF SORROW AND LIGHT ...


LEGEND ...
SORROW ...
GREAT SORROW ...

IT REALLY MUST BE THE HOLY LAND!
THIS PLACE IS ALWAYS SO BREATHTAKING!
DON'T BECOME TOO AWESTRUCK, ONION!
FOCUS! WE'RE HERE TO DO A JOB!
APRI-COT! HALP !!
OH, ON-ION!
HEY!
WAIT!

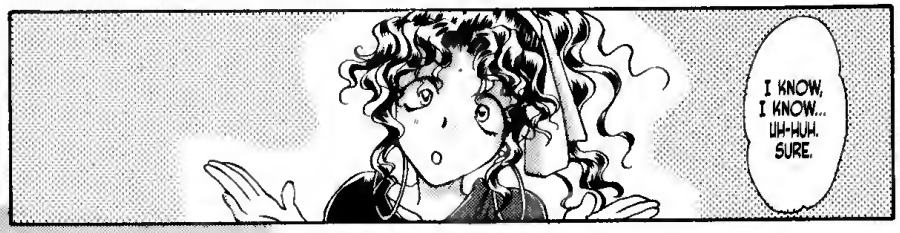

LOOK, APRICOT! YOU MADE HIM CRY. WHY DON'T YOU GO TALK TO HIM?
Hmph!


YOU MUST REALLY CARE ABOUT HIM DEEP DOWN...
YOU SURE CAN BE SULKY...

WHY DON'T YOU MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS?!
?

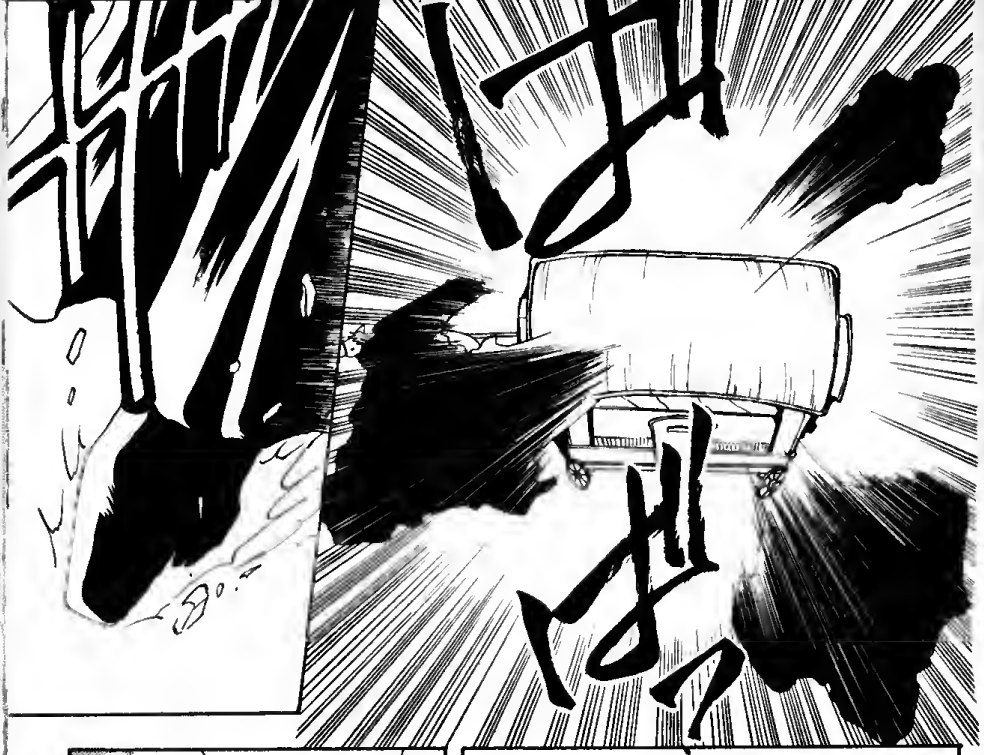
AFTER ALL, YOU DO SPEND A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER... ♡
HELLO?! THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE PARTNERS!!

THERE'S NO NEED TO GET DEFENSIVE!
WHO'S DEFENSIVE?!


I KNOW, I KNOW... UH-HUH. SURE.

I REALLY CAN'T STAND HIM...
Yiiiiikes!!

HEY! APRICOT!!
SHUT UP!!

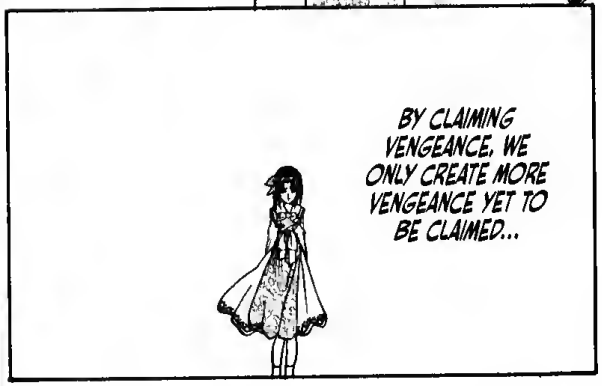


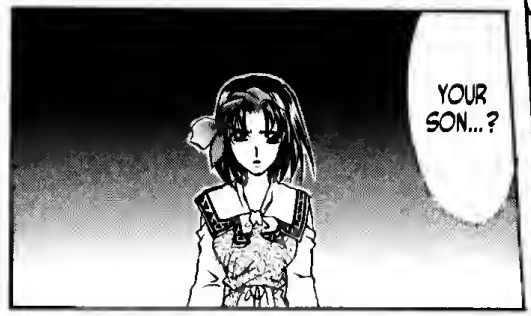
WHO ARE YOU?!

WHAT THE HELL?!
!

...BUT YOU'RE ABOUT TO PAY DEARLY FOR WHAT YOU DID!
YOU SAY THAT NOW...

...THEY STILL HAVE FAMILY.
NO MATTER HOW EVIL SOMEONE MAY BE...


BY CLAIMING VENGEANCE, WE ONLY CREATE MORE VENGEANCE YET TO BE CLAIMED...


YOUR SON...?

YOU'RE THE NO GOOD SONUVABITCH WHO KILLED MY SON!

COUNT BROKKEN ...?
DAMN RIGHT, WE KILLED 'EM!
GIVE ME A CHANCE AND I'D DO IT AGAIN!!

DON'T TAKE THIS PERSONAL. THIS IS ONLY BUSINESS.
YOU'VE HEARD OF ME? I'M FLATTERED.
FUKISESU! ZENMAI! WARABIA! KILL THEM!!
GO, MY SONS!!
SURE--LONG AS YOU DON'T TAKE THIS ASS WHIPPIN' PERSONALLY!
カカ!!

.....
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE INTRO-SPECTIVE, APRICOT.
I'VE HAD ABOUT ALL THE EXCITEMENT I CAN TAKE.
IT'S GIN NAMBA, THE SORCERESS OF THE SHADOWS!

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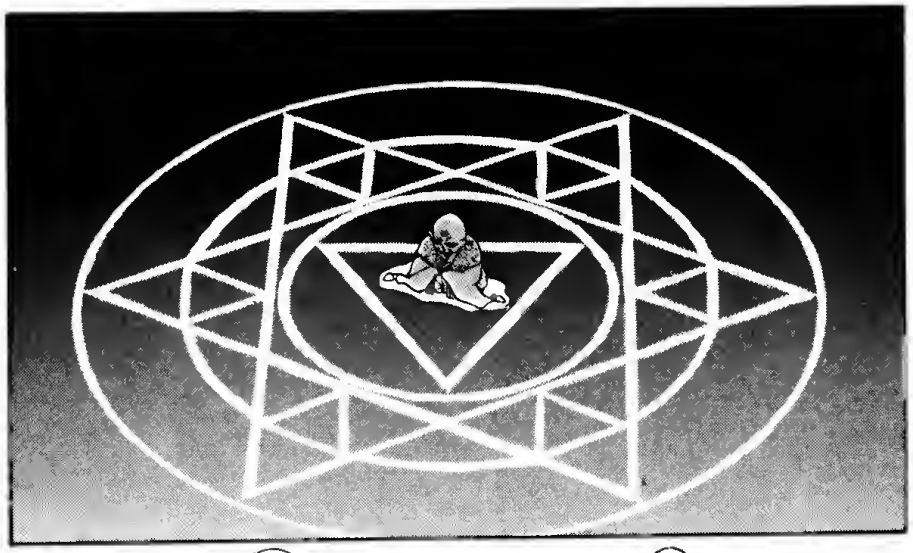
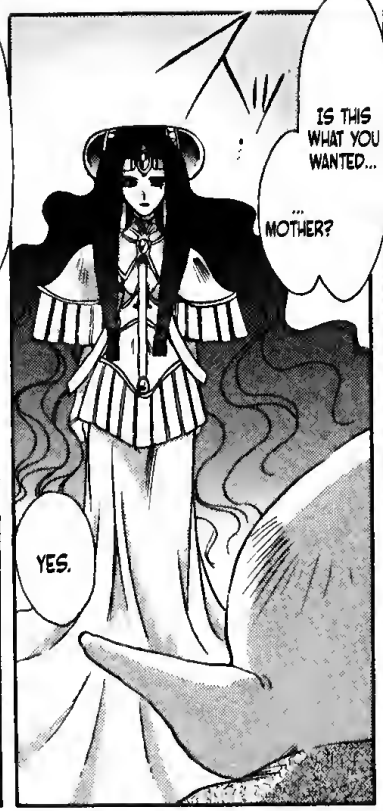


NOW THAT I'VE REMOVED THE SEAL ON GALNA-GALM...
...THE REST IS UP TO THEM.


IS THIS WHAT YOU WANTED...
...MOTHER?
YES.

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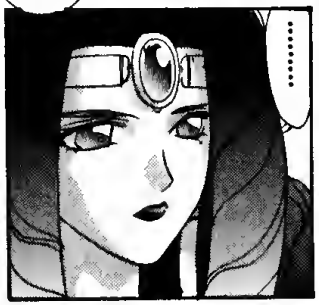
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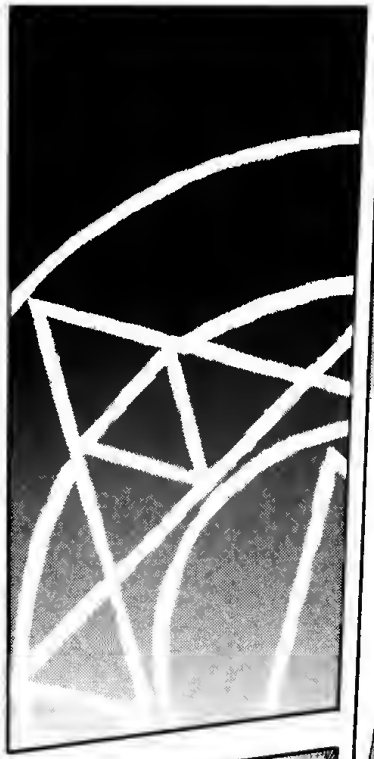
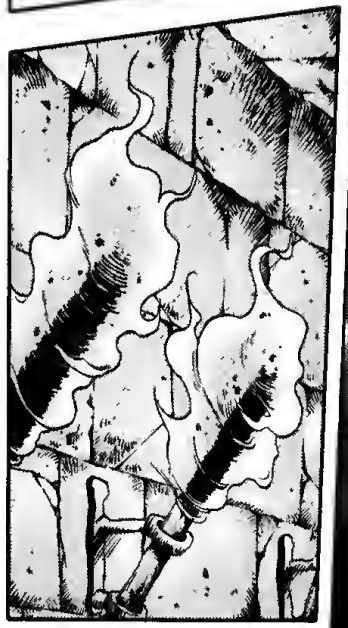
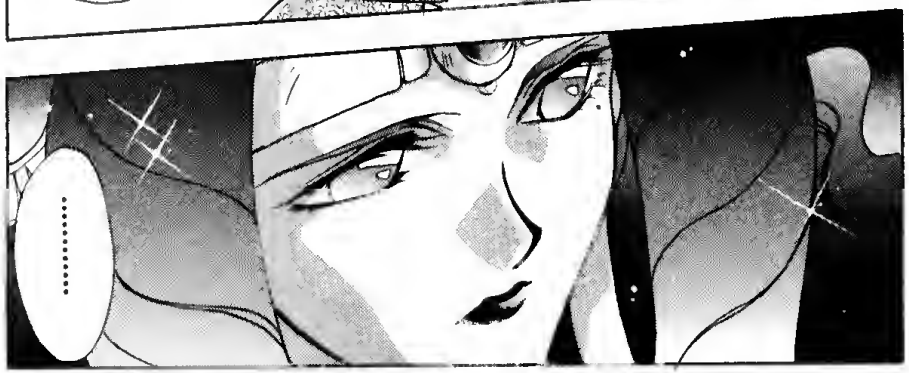




EVEN IF THE OUTCOME FOR THEM IS SOMEWHAT... DETRIMENTAL.
PERHAPS THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW POWER.
IT SHOULD ADD SOMETHING NEW TO THE MIX...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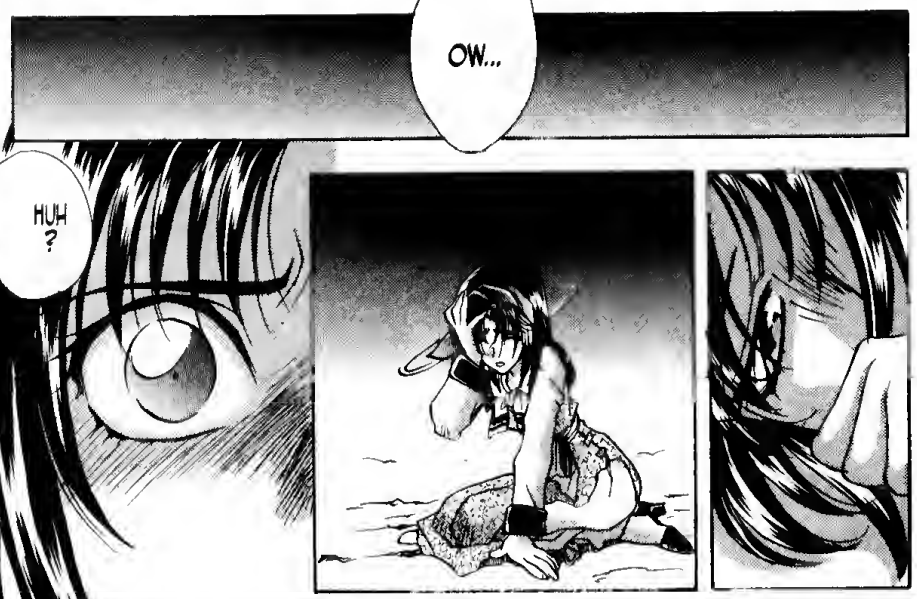
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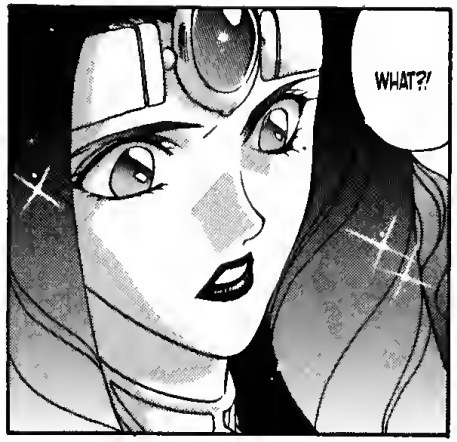
HUH ?


WHAT?!

SOMETHING WENT WRONG, THOUGH...

GIN NAMBA?! THE SORCERESS?!
GIN NAMBA WAS CAUGHT IN THE RELEASE OF THE SEAL

REALLY?

HOWEVER, IT MAY WORK TO OUR BENEFIT...

WHERE AM I...?
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ガッチャ

ROOARRR!!

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ガキィン
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ぎゃあああ
WH-WHAT...
はっ
...IS THIS...?

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STOP!!
HIDEOUS CREATURE!
WHAT ARE YOU?!
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LADY KANURE!

WHERE IN THE WORLD AM I?!

AND WHO IS SHE?!

WHA--?! HUH?!
GET ON!!

HOW IN THE HELL DID WE WIND UP HERE?!
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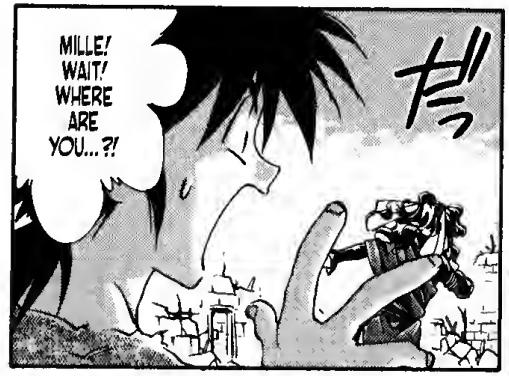
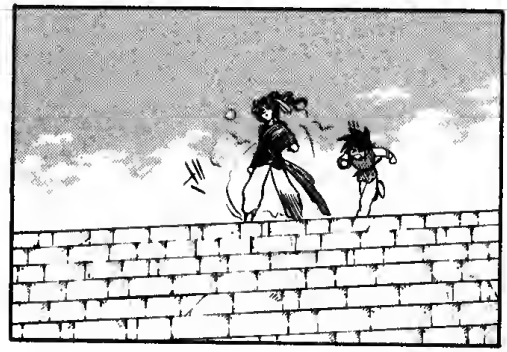
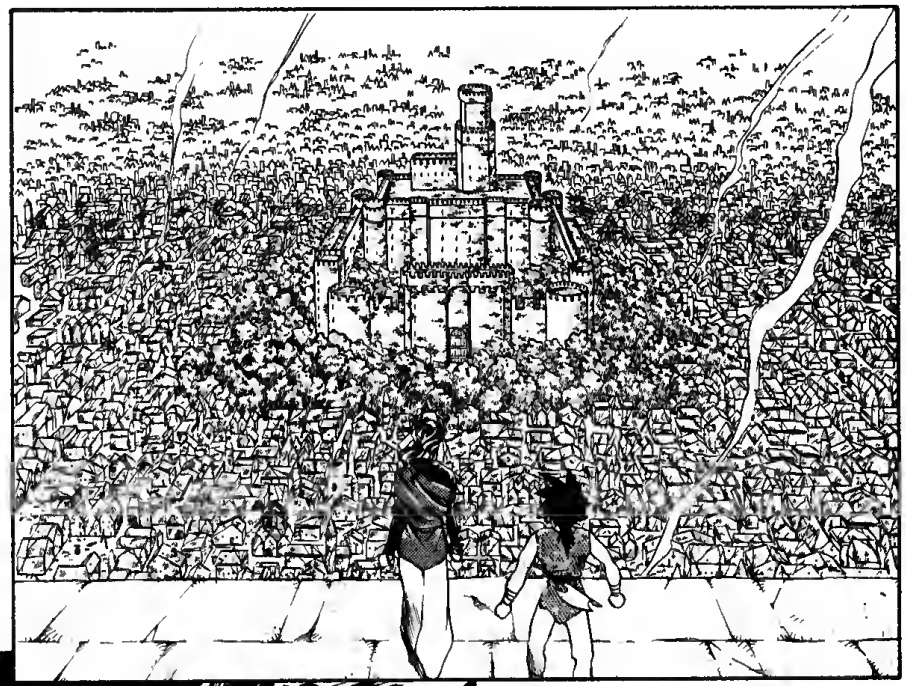
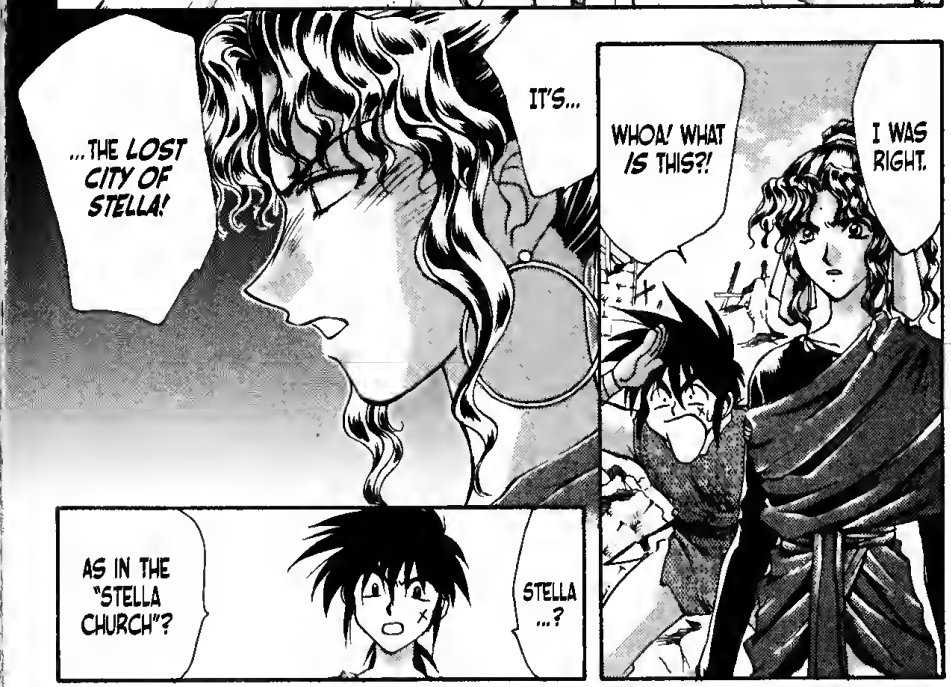

MILLE! WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU...?!

HMPH.
GO FIGURE. YOU ACTUALLY LOOK SERIOUS FOR ONCE.
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?






...THE LOST CITY OF STELLA!
IT'S...
WHOA! WHAT IS THIS?!
I WAS RIGHT.
AS IN THE "STELLA CHURCH"?
STELLA ...?

GOT A FEW TRICKS UP YOUR SLEEVE, EH?!
HUNH!
KILL.
DESTROY.

!
LOOKS LIKE OUR NUMBER ONE FANS FOLLOWED US!

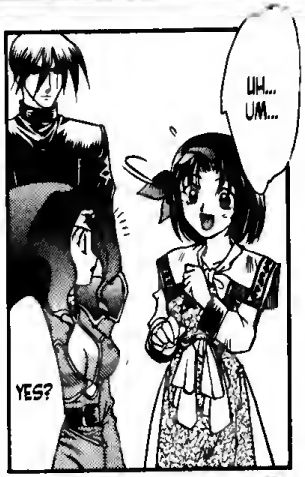
TELL ME... WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
MY NAME IS KANURE... KANURE STELLA.
STELLA...?
MY NAME IS APRICOT ANZU.
!
LADY KANURE!
APRICOT... I LIKE THAT NAME.

C'MON.
O-OKAY...

.....

WHAT? HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MEMORY OR SOMETHING?
NO! I DON'T THINK SO...

I'M SORRY, BUT...
WHERE AM I?


UH... UM...
YES?

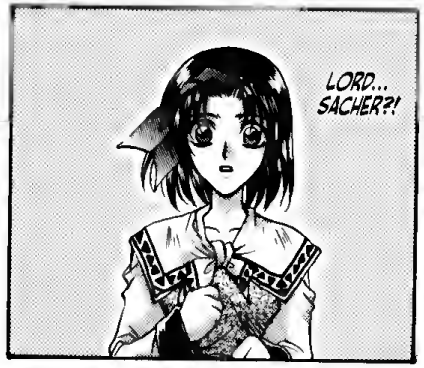
IT IS THE YEAR 1192 IN THE AGE OF VARONIA.

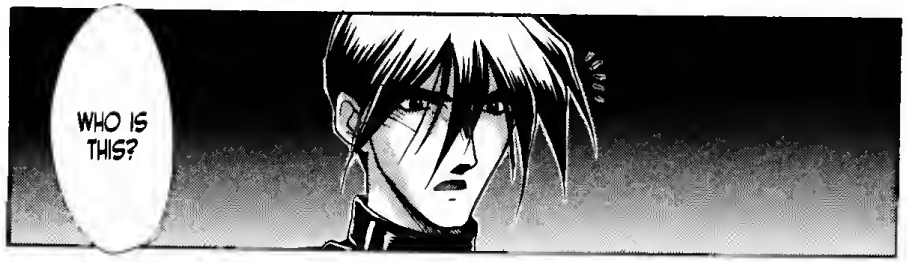
IT'S GOVERNED BY MEMBERS OF THE STELLA FAMILY.

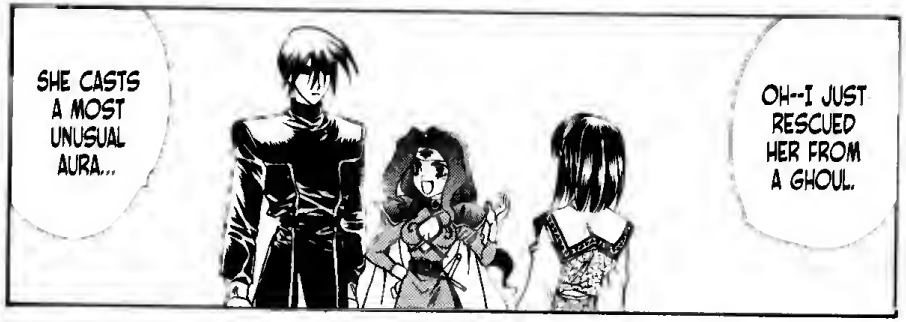
YOU'RE IN STELLA CITY.
BUT...

YOU'RE SO UPTIGHT, SACHER.
SIGH... WHATEVER

LADY KANURE, I THOUGHT YOU WERE TOLD TO STAY HERE...! IT'S VERY DANGEROUS OUT THERE!


LORD... SACHER?!


WHO IS THIS?


SHE CASTS A MOST UNUSUAL AURA...
OH--I JUST RESCUED HER FROM A GHOUL.

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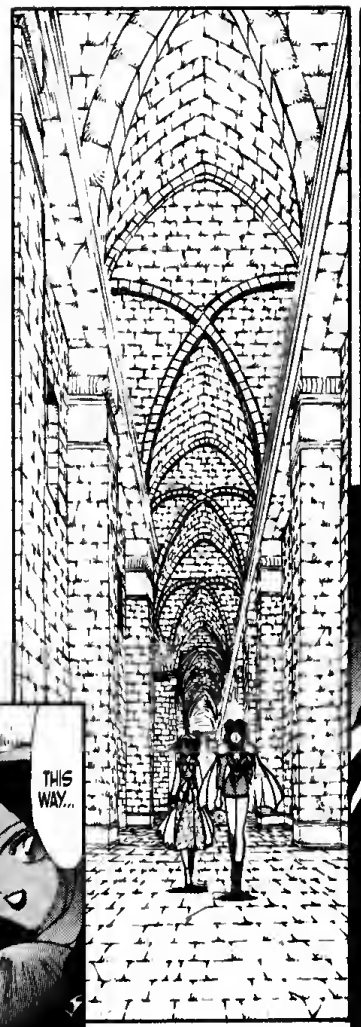
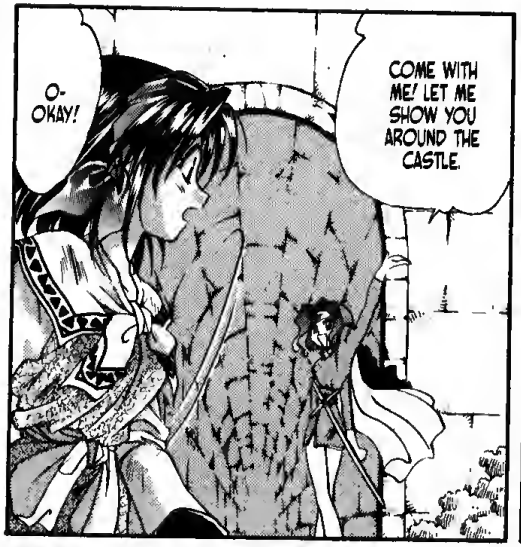


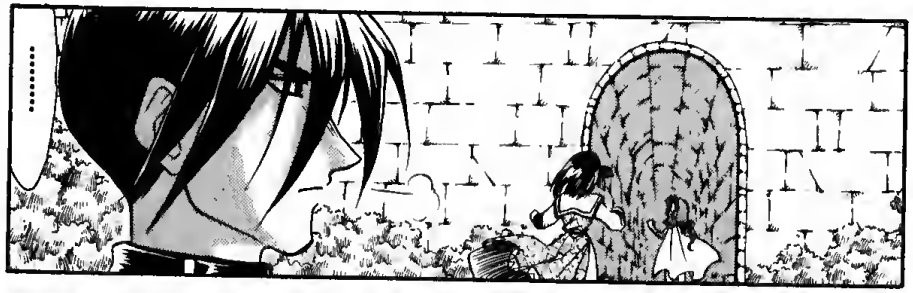
STRETCH

THIS WAY...


O-OKAY!
COME WITH ME! LET ME SHOW YOU AROUND THE CASTLE.

HEY, APRICOT!
HUH?

THE AGE OF VARONIA? BUT THAT TIME PERIOD ENDED BEFORE THE WAR....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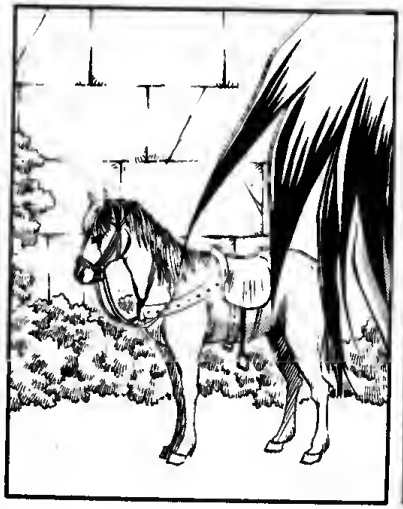

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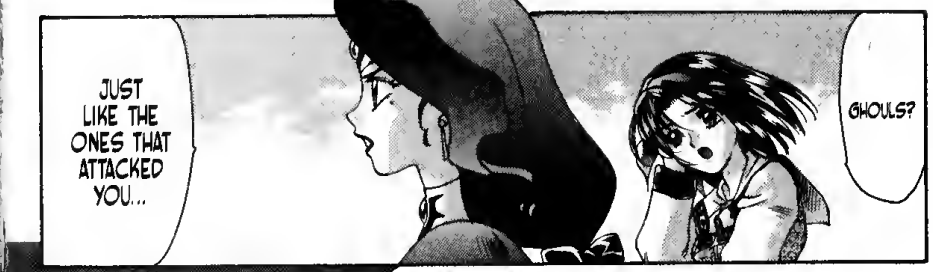

GHOULS?
JUST LIKE THE ONES THAT ATTACKED YOU...

THE RESULT OF ENDLESS WAR...
COUNTRIES OUTDOING EACH OTHER WITH WEAPONS AND MAGIC...
THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT...YOU WITNESSED THE RESULTS FIRSTHAND.

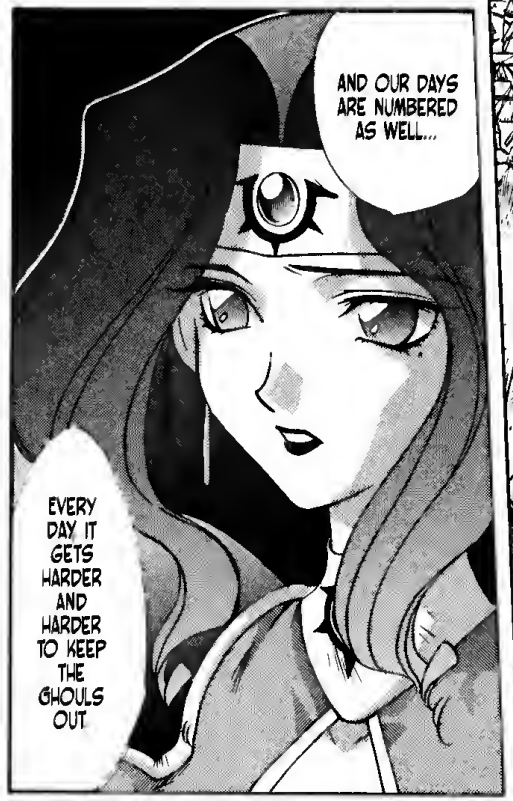
WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

OH...

SOON, IT DROVE THEM MAD, CAUSED THEM TO RUN RAMPANT WITH NO REGARD FOR THE LAND OR ITS PEOPLE.

REALLY?
THEY COULDN'T CONTROL THE MAGIC THEY CREATED...

THE LAST OF ITS KIND...THE ONLY CIVILIZED CITY LEFT IN THE WORLD...
WHAT?!


AND OUR DAYS ARE NUMBERED AS WELL...
EVERY DAY IT GETS HARDER AND HARDER TO KEEP THE GHOULS OUT

WHAT A BIG CITY...

CHARLOTTE!!
HE'S MY BROTHER ...
...AND THE CURRENT LEADER OF THE STELLA FAMILY!
CHARLOTTE!!
EH?

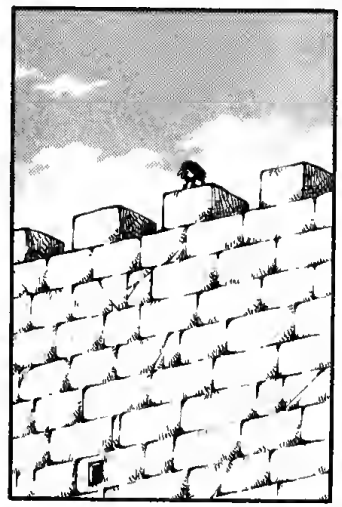
AH...
THEY'RE LIKE LOOSE CANNONS... NOTHING MORE THAN A WEAPON OUT OF CONTROL.
?!

...AND CHARLOTTE.

SCREEEEE!!
YEEEEK!!

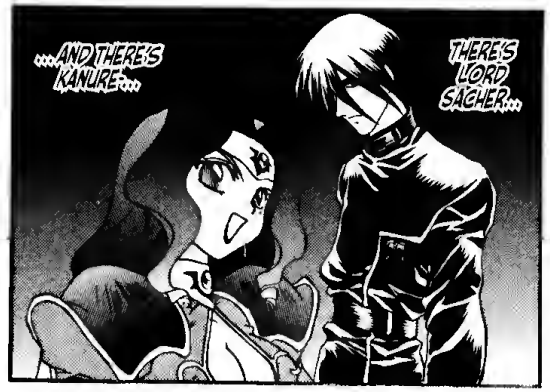
!

IS THIS WHAT MOTHER WANTED ME TO SEE?
BUT... WHY?



SORRY! I HAVE TO TAKE HIM BACK TO HIS ROOM.
THAT'S OKAY.

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? HOW DID I WIND UP IN THE PAST?


...AND THERE'S KANURE...
THERE'S LORD SAGHER...

IT CAN'T BE. IT FEELS SO... REAL.
IS THIS A TRICK?

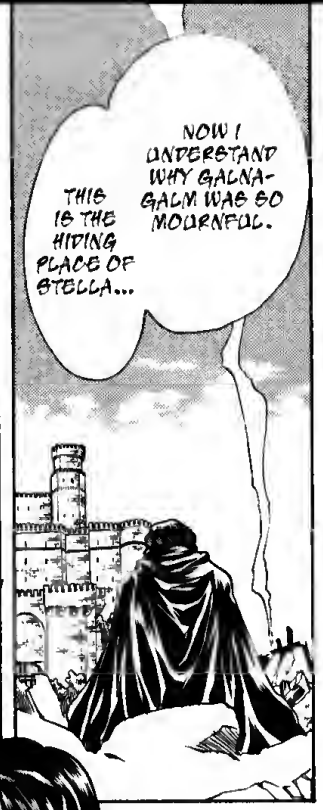
!
HI-YAH!
ACK!!
NOT BAD.
CHOKE ON THIS!
GAAGGH!!
JUST THROW IT ALL AGAINST THE WALL, WHY DON'CHA?!

SPIRITS OF THE TREES!

YIIEEEE!!
CRAP! THEY EXPLODE?!

LOOK OUT!!
WHERE IN THE HELL AM I?!
GIN NAMBA! ANSWER ME!
HEY!

WHAT EVER ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, HAG?!


NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY GALNA-GALM WAS SO MOURNFUL.
THIS IS THE HIDING PLACE OF STELLA...

THAT'S HOW IMPORTANT THE SORCERER HUNTERS ARE.

I HATE KILLING PEOPLE.
YET, THEY LEAVE ME LITTLE CHOICE...

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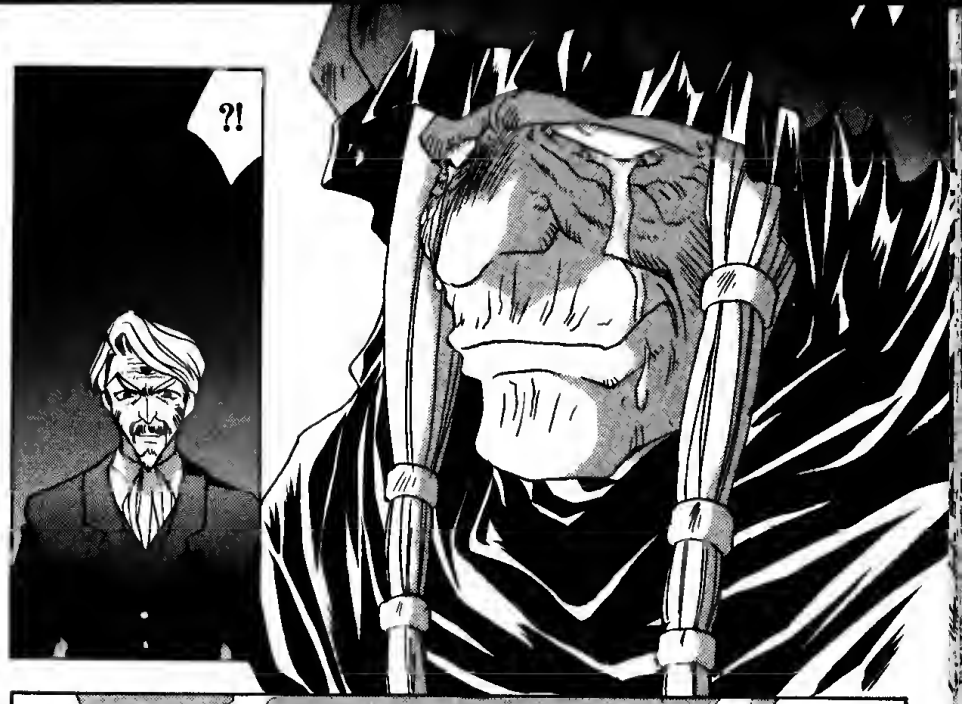

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT'S UNBELIEV-ABLE...THIS PLACE...

WHAT?!

WE'RE IN STELLA...
THIS PLACE DISAPPEARED LONG AGO...

YOU'RE GONNA DIE!!

BECAUSE OF YOU...
...I'M BECOMING SOMEONE I'M NOT.

ARE YOU READY TO BE DESTROYED, VERMIN?
!
KILL.
HEH...
!
MY BLADE CAN SLICE THROUGH ANYTHING...
...ESPECIALLY YOUR NECK!!
KILL

I HOPE THIS HURTS, YOU BASTARD.
GAAAAAGH!!!

THE SPIRITS OF THE TREES !!

GRAAAAAH!!
NYAAAAAH!!
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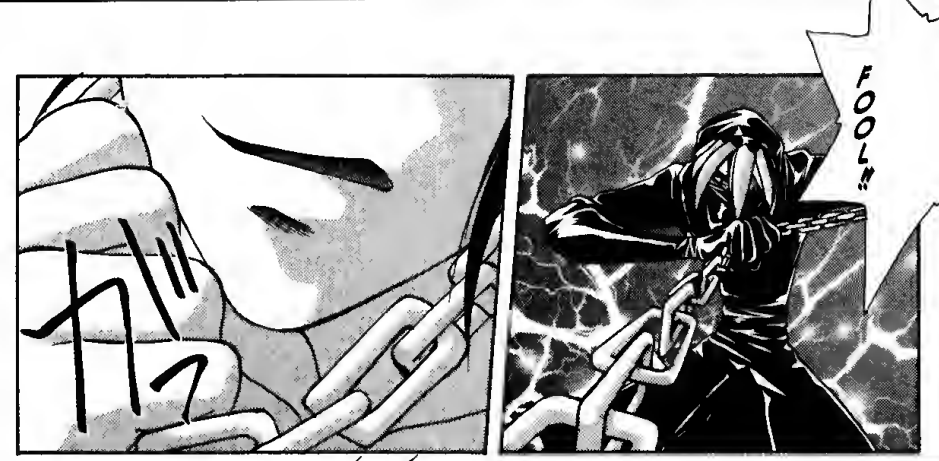

FOOL!!

NICE TRY--BUT YOU GOTTA COME HARDER THAN THAT TO KILL ME, DOUCHE BAG!
!

YAAH!!

WAAAAH!!
HEH HEH... EASY ENOUGH.

DESTROY.
PHOENIX RISING!!
I DON'T THINK SO!
!
YAARGH!!

WHAT?
BUT WE MUST LEAVE RIGHT AWAY.
OUR SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON IT.
NOT TO MENTION THE CITY'S ...
TIE
AH!

WHAT?!
IT SEEMS MY SONS HAVE BEEN DEFEATED...
CALM DOWN, BROKKEN. IT'S NOT OVER YET.
BUT... I THOUGHT YOU SAID THEY WERE UN-DEFEATABLE ?!
IT HAD BETTER ...
...JUST NOT THE WAY I PLANNED.
THE JOB WILL GET DONE...
WHAT?!

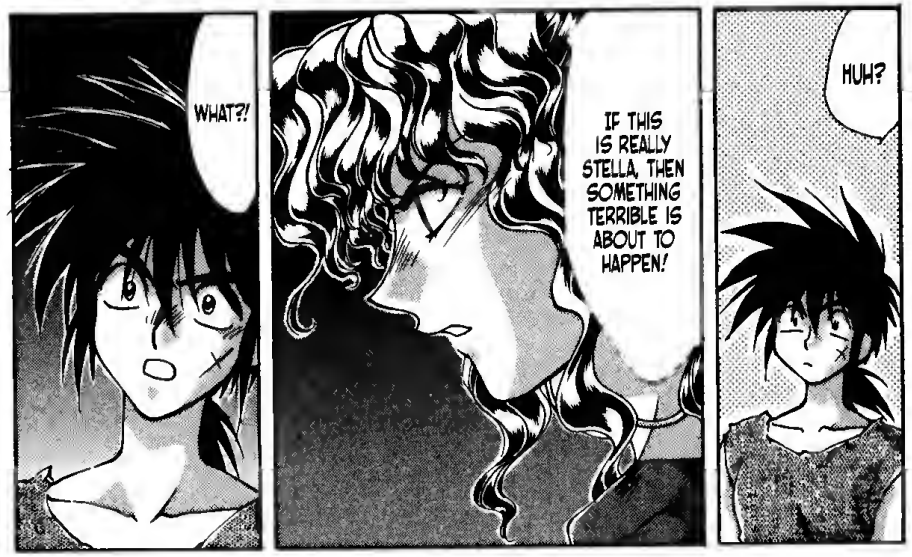
SACHER!!
LORD CHARLOTTE, EH...?
SACHER, CHARLOTTE SENT ME FOR YOU!
OH...
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

I'VE NEVER SEEN FIGHTING LIKE THAT...
HUH?
SO... WHAT'S YOUR STORY, REALLY?
YOU WERE WATCHING...?
.....
I...

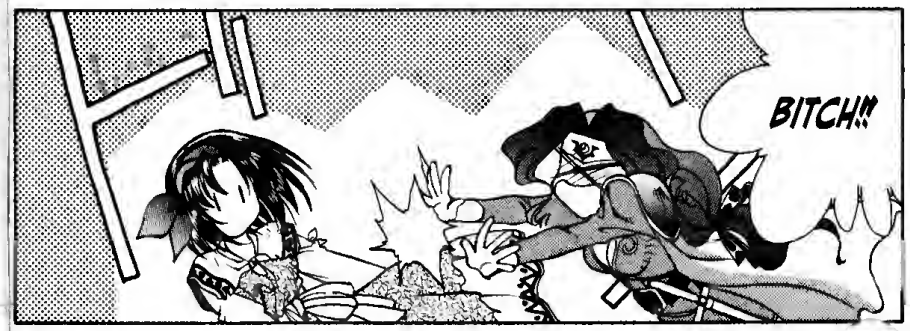
NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!!
DAMMIT! HOW DID HE POP IN MY HEAD?!
GIVE IT UP. I DON'T THINK SACHER WOULD GO FOR A DAINTY GIRL SUCH AS YOU...
YES?
APRICOT...
...?

APRICOT!!
Y-YES?
DO YOU HAVE FEELINGS FOR SACHER?!
WHAT?! N-NO! IT'S NOT LIKE TH-
UM...MY TYPE?
WHAT? DO YOU THINK HE'S YOUR TYPE?
NO...MY TYPE IS...

WHAT'S WRONG, MILLE?
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.
WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS!


WHAT?!
IF THIS IS REALLY STELLA, THEN SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN!
HUH?

YEAH. HE'D PROBABLY PREFER A MANLIER WOMAN-- SUCH AS YOURSELF!
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT...
REALLY?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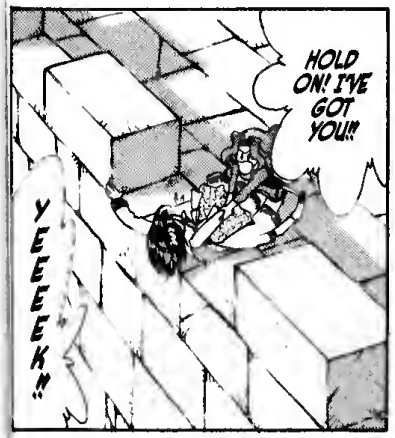
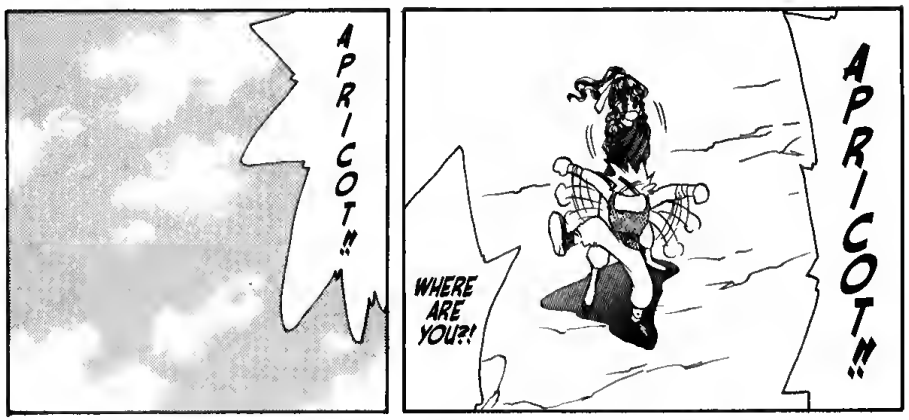

HOLD ON! I'VE GOT YOU!!
YEEEEK!!

EEEK!!
APRICOT!!


APRICOT!!

APRICOT!!
WHERE ARE YOU?!

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TO OUR ONLY HOPE FOR SURVIVAL... STELLA CASTLE.
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME, YOU OLD WITCH?!

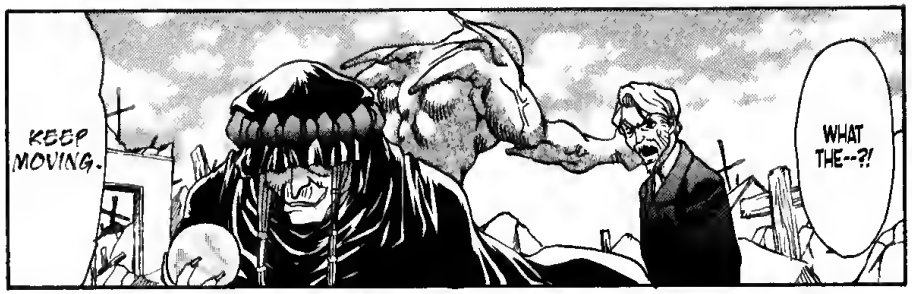
HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS?!

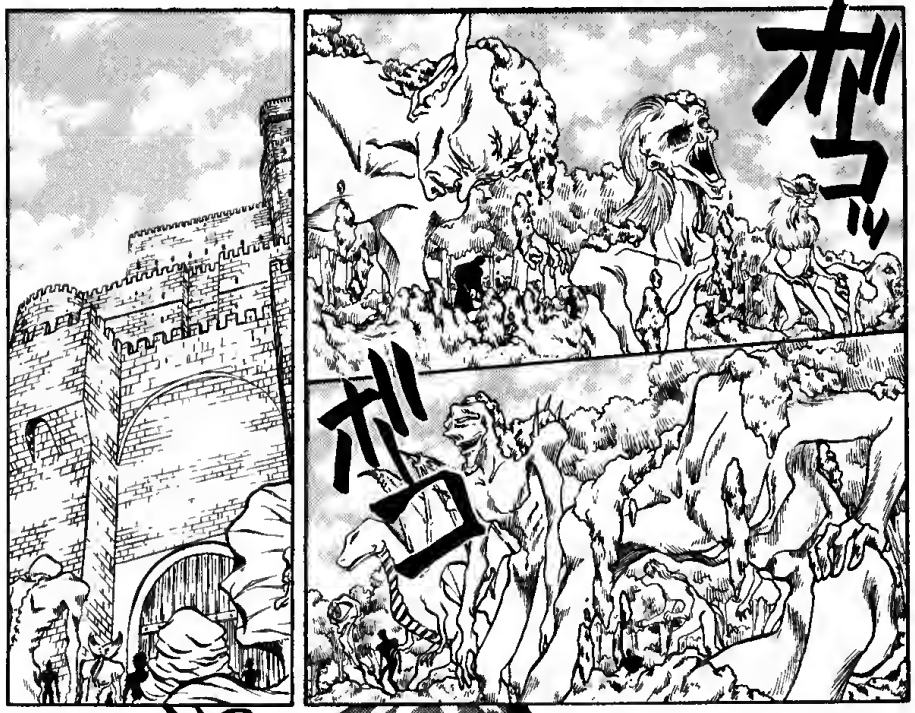
NO TIME TO EXPLAIN NOW! WE HAVE TO GET TO STELLA CASTLE!
WHAT ABOUT APRICOT? WE HAVE TO--

NO!
I'M GOING BACK FOR HER!!

SHE'LL BE FINE...
...UN-LIKE YOU!

EVERYTHING'S ABOUT TO DISAPPEAR... SUCKED IN A VACUUM BETWEEN SPACE AND TIME...
...BRINGING US ALONG WITH IT!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!


KEEP MOVING.
WHAT THE--?!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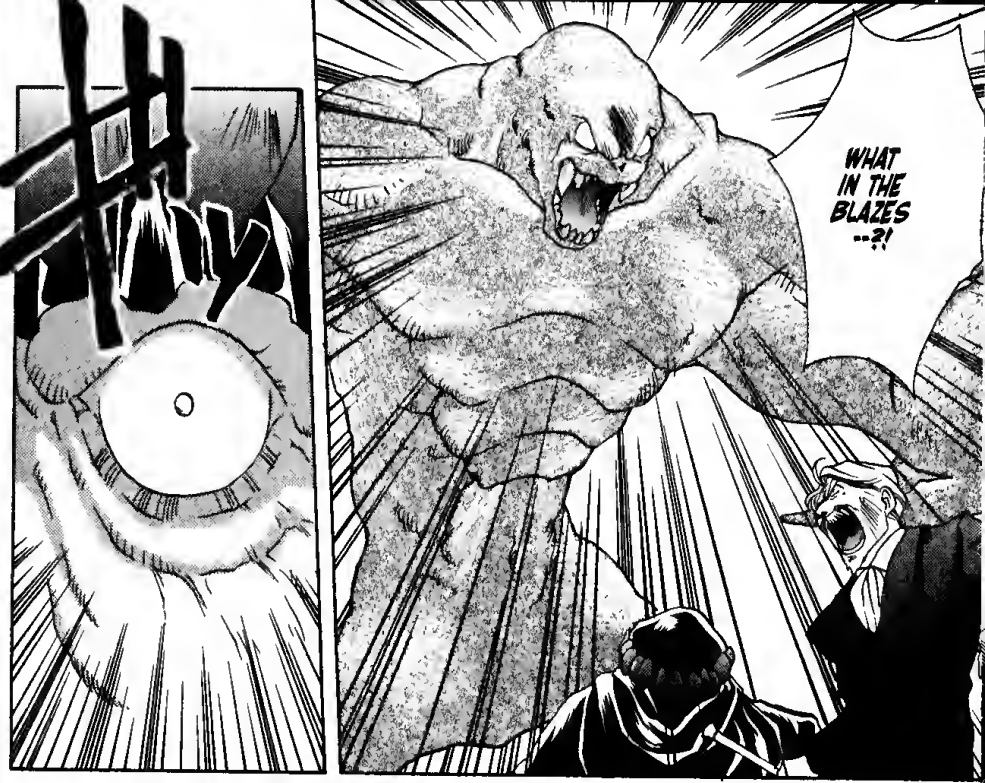
LORD CHARLOTTE?!


WHAT IN THE BLAZES --?!

YOU STILL REMEMBER ME, DON'T YOU?
AH... MY POOR CREATURE...

I'M S-SCARED, SACHER. I... DON'T WANT...
PLEASE, LORD CHARLOTTE! YOU'RE OUR LAST HOPE...
I...I C-CAN'T...
YOU'RE ALL WE'VE GOT, MY LORD!
HOLD YOURSELF TOGETHER!
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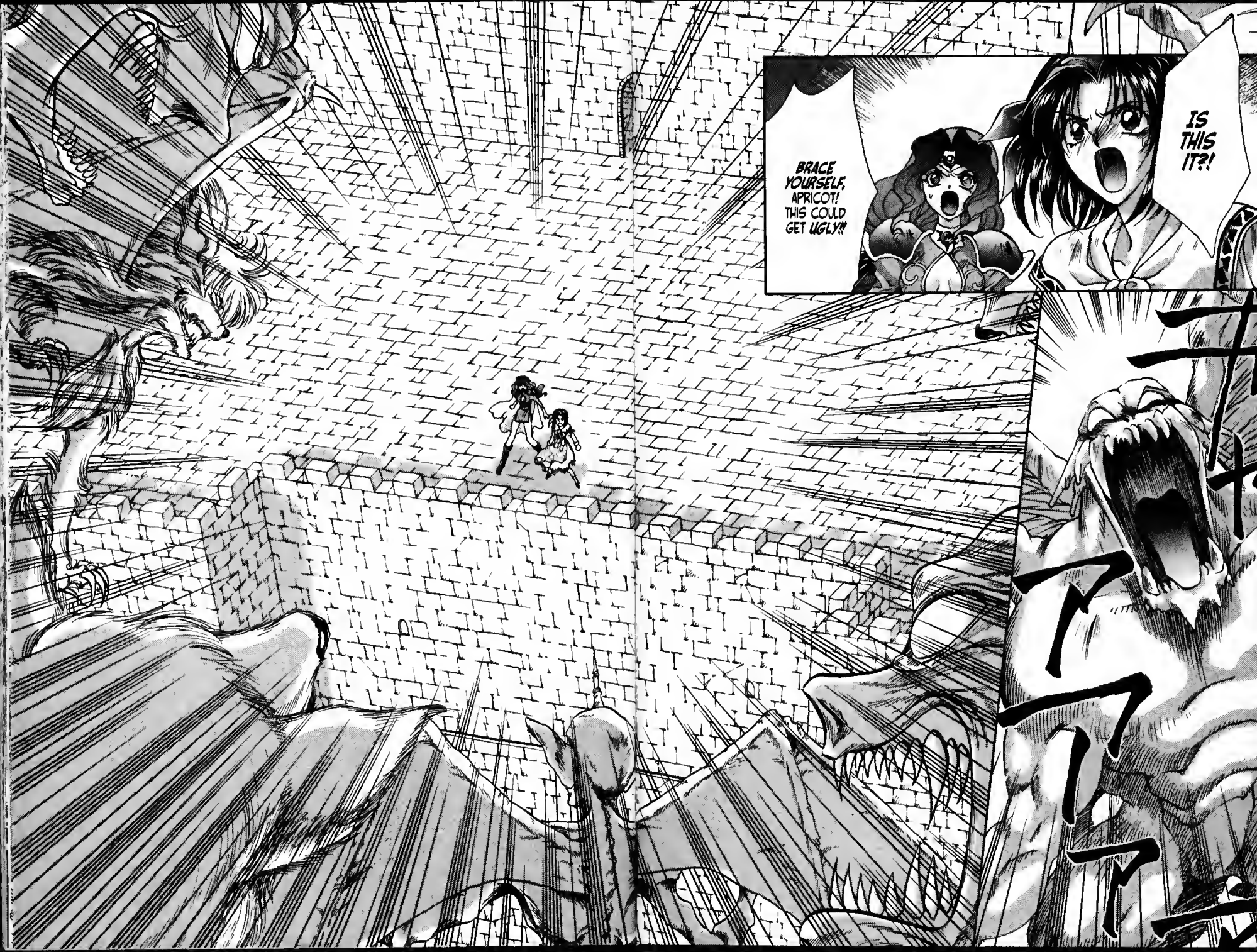
LORD CHAR-LOTTE ...
ARE YOU OKAY?
I...I'M SCARED...

IT'S BEGUN!!
LORD CHARLOTTE. HE'S OUR ONLY HOPE.
LORD CHARL-OTTE?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
TOMORROW, LORD CHARLOTTE MUST *RISK DEATH* TO SAVE US.
YOU COULDN'T HAVE PICKED A WORSE TIME TO COME TO THIS WORLD.

IT ALL ENDS TOMORROW?!
WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE. WE HAVE TO TAKE OUR CHANCES NOW...
WE HAVE TO PLAY OUR *TRUMP CARD!*
AND THAT IS...?
THAT'S RIGHT...


IS THIS IT?!
BRACE YOURSELF, APRICOT! THIS COULD GET UGLY!!

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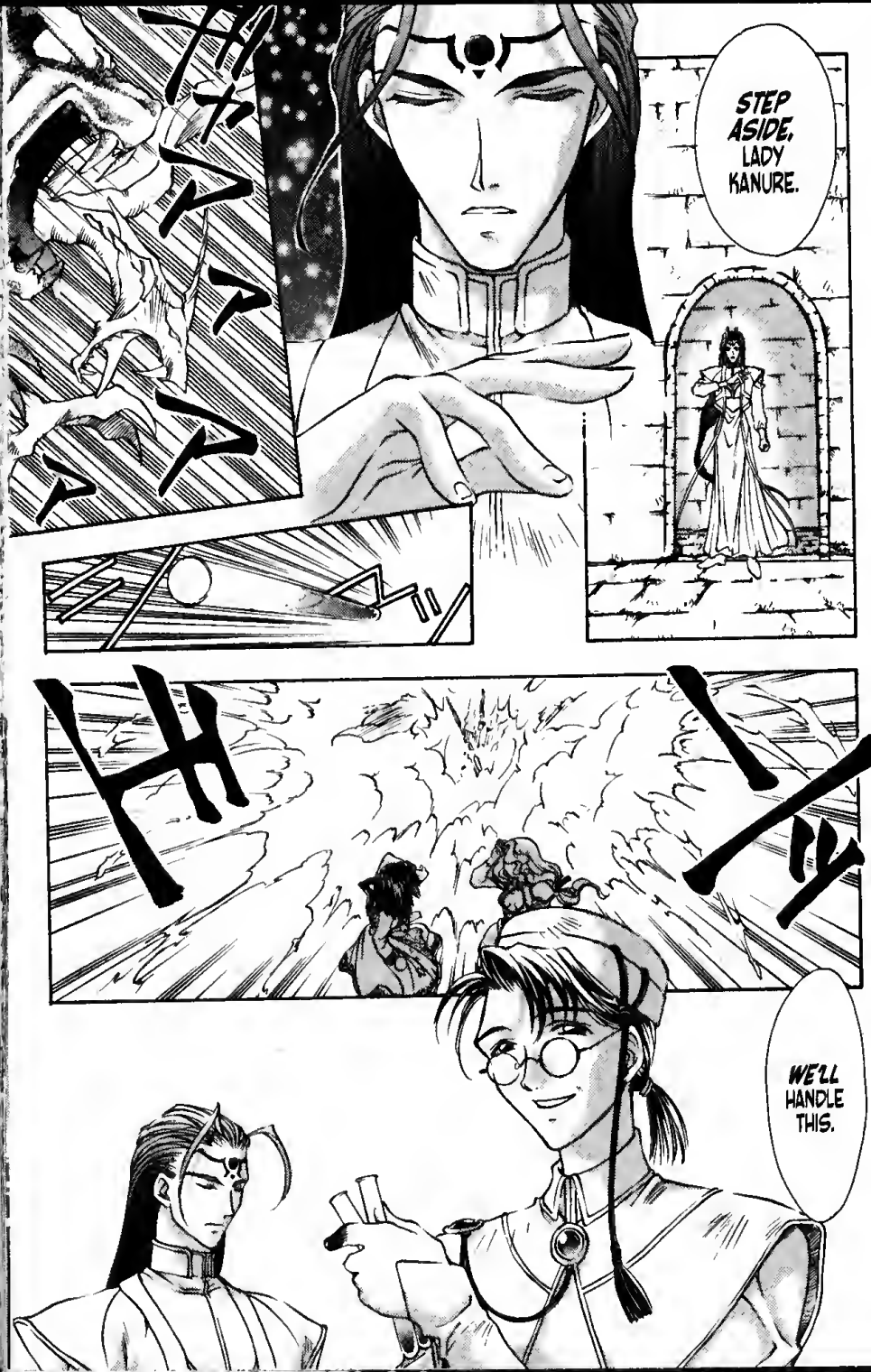
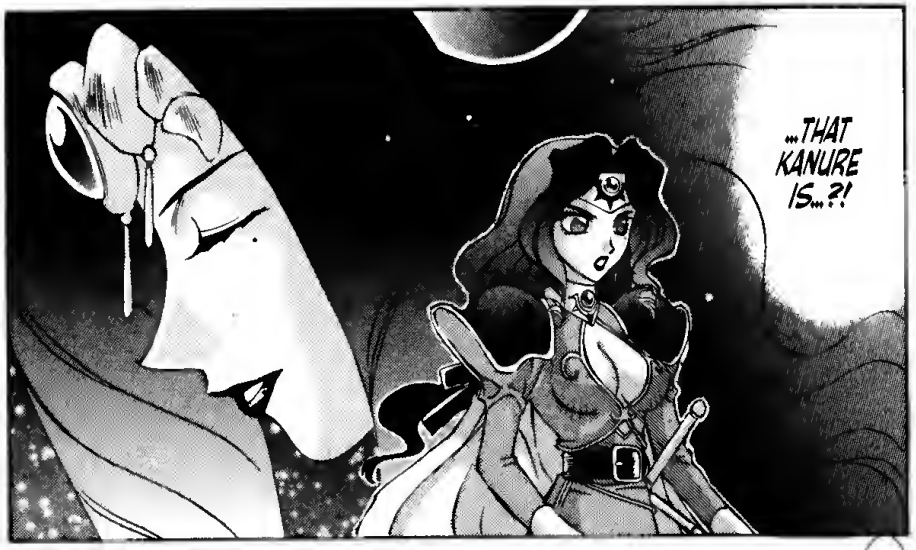

STEP ASIDE, LADY KANURE.
WE'LL HANDLE THIS.

WHAT?!
KAHLUA!!


...THAT KANURE IS...?!

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STAY FOCUSED! WE HAVE TO HURRY!
O-OKAY!

APRICOT!!
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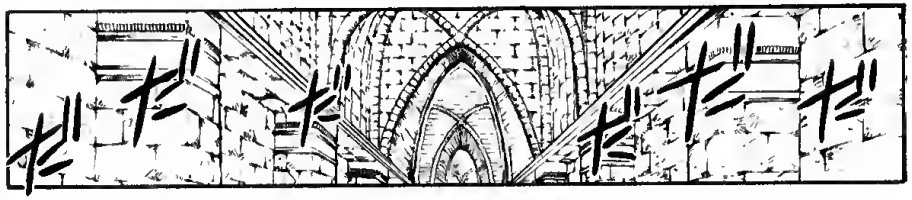
Y-YES?!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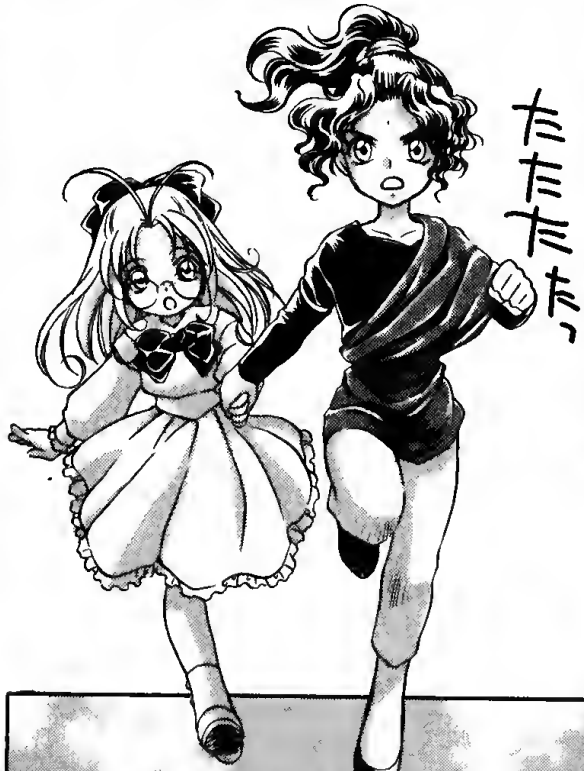
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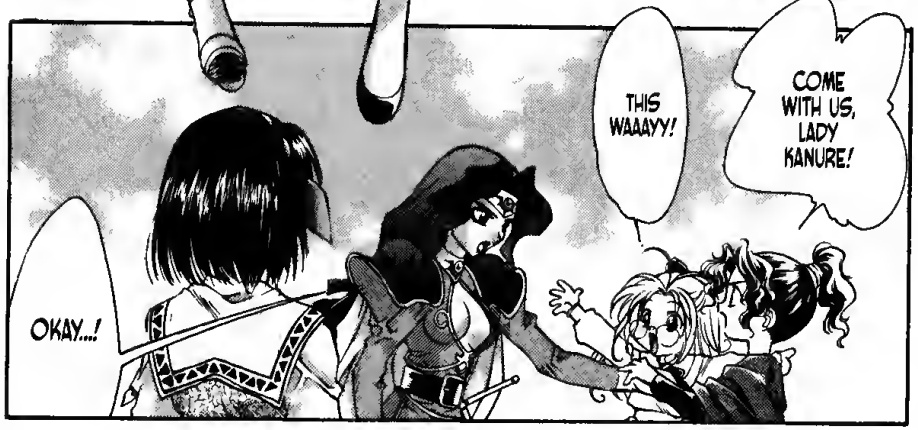
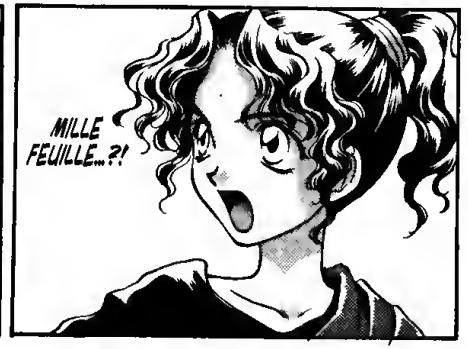
MILLE, CINNAMON... TAKE LADY KANURE INSIDE!
HUH...?!

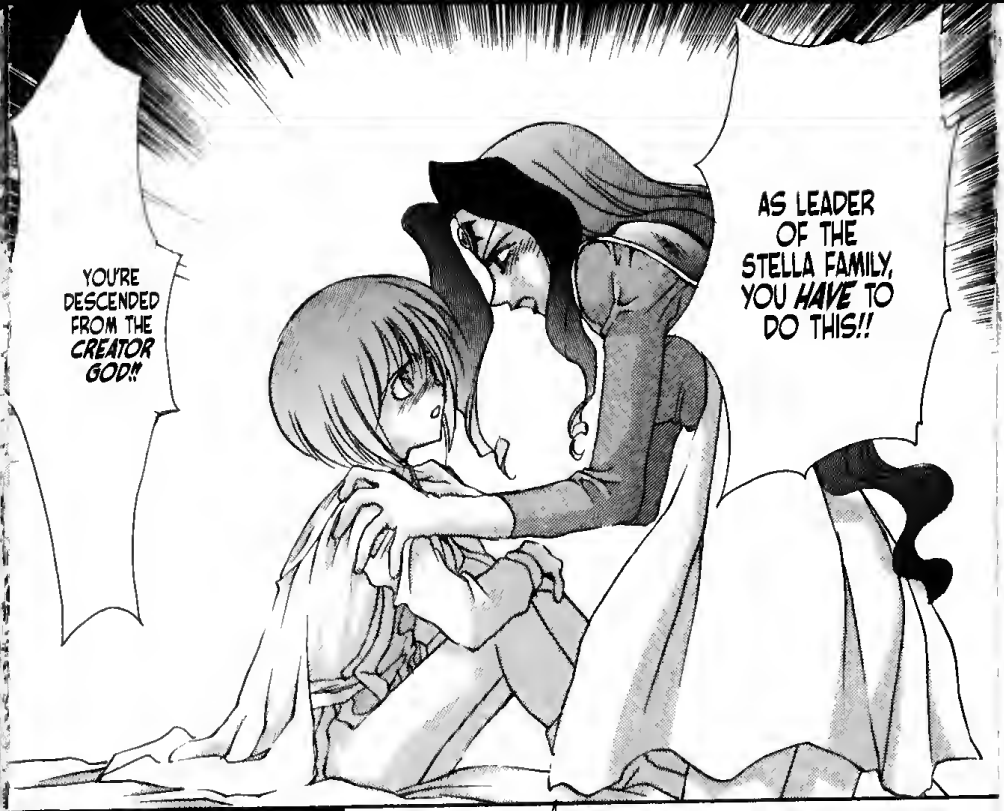

COME WITH US, LADY KANURE!
THIS WAAAYY!
OKAY...!

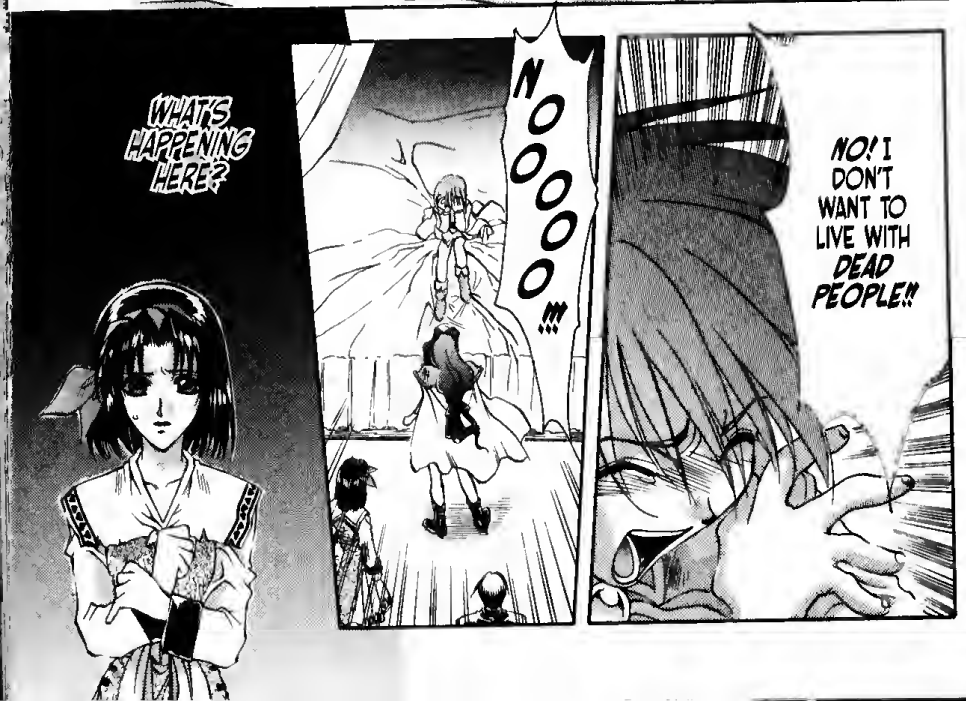
THEN DOES THAT MEAN...


MILLE FEUILLE...?!

MILLE...
CINNAMON...
KAHLUA...
IT'S THEM!
CHIFFON...
MOTHER'S HAZ KNIGHTS!
THEY'RE PART OF MY ELITE GUARD. THEY'LL BE FINE!
NORMAL GHOULS WON'T BE ABLE TO GET NEAR THEM!
AND THEN THERE'S SACHER...
SO SHE MUST BE...

WHERE ARE WE GOING?
NOW THAT THE GHOULS HAVE FOUND US, TIME IS RUNNING OUT!
THEY'LL SACRIFICE ANYTHING TO LEVEL THIS CASTLE!
CAN THOSE OTHER TWO HANDLE THINGS?
WHAT, KAHLUA AND CHIFFON?
WHAT?!
BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, WE HAVE TO UNLEASH CHARLOTTE'S POWER!


YOU'RE DESCENDED FROM THE CREATOR GOD!!
AS LEADER OF THE STELLA FAMILY, YOU HAVE TO DO THIS!!


WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?
NOOOO!!!
NO! I DON'T WANT TO LIVE WITH DEAD PEOPLE!!

WHAT'S ALL THE NOISE OUTSIDE, LADY KANURE?!
IT'S THE GHOULS! THEY KNOW ABOUT CHARLOTTE!
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CHARLOTTE!!

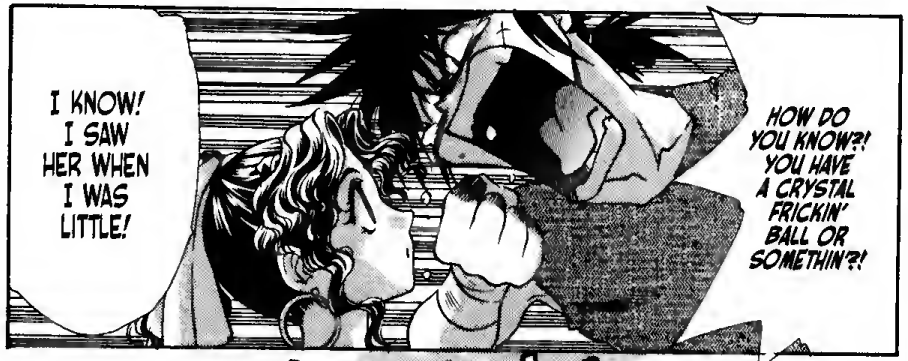
WHAT?!

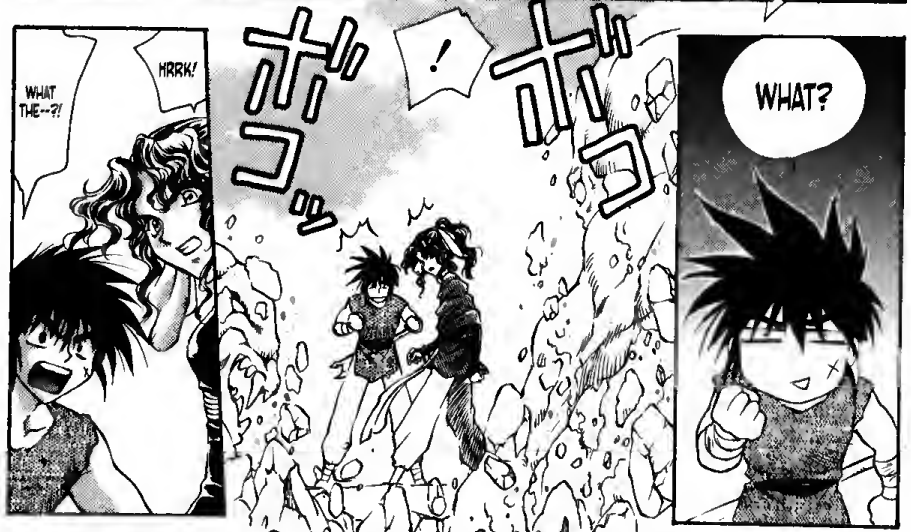
CHARLOTTE!!

COME, CHARLOTTE! IT'S TIME TO RELEASE YOUR POWER!!
NO!!

PARDON ME...BUT IS THIS A BAD TIME TO KILL YOU?

SHE'S FINE! I SWEAR!!
I WANT TO KNOW WHERE APRICOT IS!!


I KNOW! I SAW HER WHEN I WAS LITTLE!
HOW DO YOU KNOW?! YOU HAVE A CRYSTAL FRICKIN' BALL OR SOMETHIN'?!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WHAT?

'CUZ I'M HAVING THE TIME OF MY LIFE!
REALLY?
WE'RE WASTING TIME HERE!
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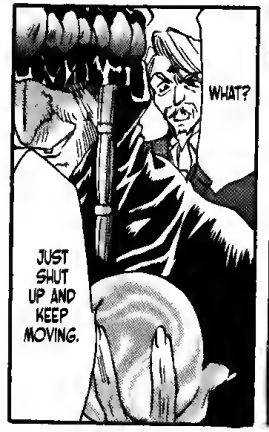
NOT GOOD!

LET'S DO THIS!!


WHAT?
JUST SHUT UP AND KEEP MOVING.

...SINCE SHE'S MY PAST SELF.

THERE THEY ARE! IT'S THEM!
DON'T WORRY. SHE CAN HANDLE THEM. I SHOULD KNOW...

DON'T WORRY, CHARLOTTE...
YOU WON'T BE IN THIS ALONE.
IF YOU DON'T FIGHT, THOUGH... EVERYONE SUFFERS.
.....
CHARLOTTE, YOU HAVE TO DO THIS! IF NOT...
...THIS WORLD WILL BE DESTROYED!
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT, CHARLOTTE...

.....
BUT... I'M SO SCARED...
ALL OF THOSE D-DEAD PEOPLE COMING AFTER ME...
ASKING FOR SALVATION... FOR REVIVAL...
I PROMISE...

GACK!!
ONION!!

S-SO...
SO S-SCARED...

.....!
I CAN SEE THE FUTURE...
SACHER WILL TURN AGAINST YOU, KANURE.
I KNOW EVERYTHING...
BUT CHARLOTTE! I DON'T UNDER-STAND...!
CHARLOTTE!!
KANURE'S FATE...
EVERY-THING...
EVEN MY OWN...
THE FATE OF THIS WORLD...

UM... SHOULD I LEAVE?
KANURE... WHAT I DO KNOW...
...IS THAT THIS GIRL WILL GIVE BIRTH TO MY ENEMY.
HUH?

STELLA WILL DISAPPEAR! WIPED FROM THE FACE OF THE PLANET!
JUST TO REMOVE RIDELA FROM THIS WORLD!!
A NEW CITY WILL BE BUILT IN ITS PLACE...
A CITY THAT WILL BE THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING!
A CITY RULED BY THOSE WITH MAGIC!
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AAAGGH!!

LET'S GO, ONION !
WHAT THE--?!
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AHHHH!!

URRRHHH!!
!
HURAAAAAH!!

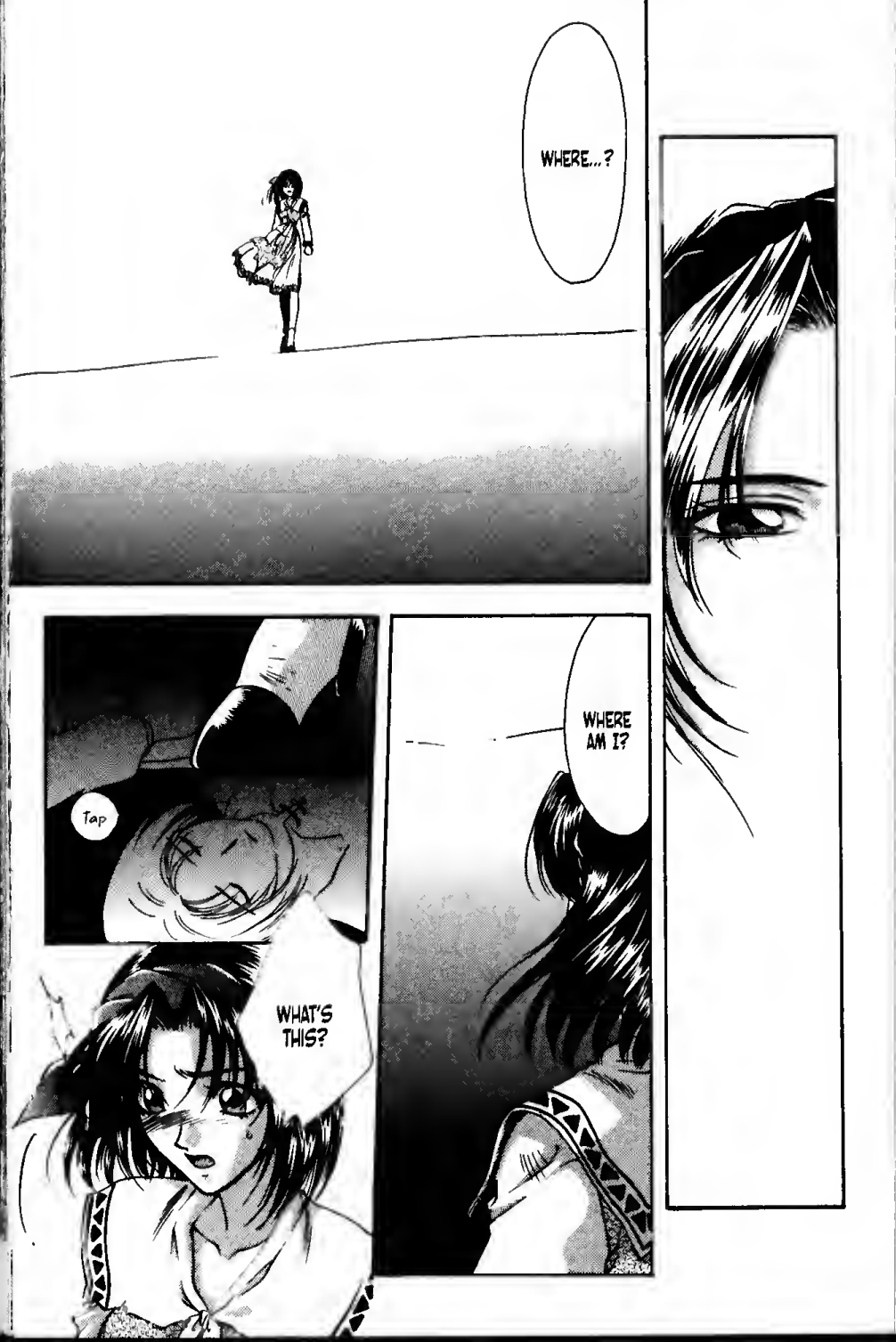
WAAAHHHH!!

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
HURRY! GET INSIDE...!
OKAY...

NO...

DROWNING IN MEMORIES...
AHHH...
NO...
S-SOME-THING... INSIDE ME...
APRICOT!!

I'M ADRIFT IN TIME...


WHERE...?
WHERE AM I?
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WHAT'S THIS?

AHH...
HUH?!

YOU!!
I'LL KILL YOU!!
KILL YOU!!
KILL YOU!!
WHAT ARE YOU?!
GRAAAAAAAAH!!
FINALLY! I'VE FOUND YOU, SORCERER HUNTER!
WHA--?!

Daughter was supposed to be a messenger-demon, so she ended up like this. She looked a lot like Akuma, so we decided against it. Her face stayed the same though. At first, she was all black.

What about me?!

I've already written about you

We were told not to make Mother "look like an old hag," but we settled into a young Mother. Well, she looks young to me, anyway.

Mother's design stayed the same as her original

What did you just say about me?!

The characters' ages changed dramatically over time. To be honest, Gateau was originally 23 years old. However, at some point he regressed to 18. I still draw him like he's 23, though. In the first short story, Carrot was somewhere around 20. At first he looked a little more mature--which was the same with Marron. It was too much work to draw them like that, so I gradually shifted back to my natural style and everyone got younger. At one point, Carrot even made it to the young age of 14! My drawings have changed much over ten books and you can see my interests at almost any point.

A little secret. When we were planning the first story, we were toying with the idea of making Marron a homosexual.

I didn't put a single bit of screen tone in the first story! I had this crazy idea to do Sorcerer Hunters without using any screen tones, so that's how we sent in the first story. When it ran in the magazine, it was toned! From what I heard, my editor got in a lot of trouble with the Editor-in-Chief! Oooooops! I made sooooo sure to tone every issue after that. What can I say? I was not the best new artist! The eclectic stories of Sorcerer Hunters will continue for some time. Please stick around for the ride! That's all for now. --Omishi

In Gateau's first sketch, he looked like a soldier. He reminds me of Guile from "Street Fighter II." The editor told me to make him look like Carrot's big brother, so here you have it.

Even in the original serialized version, Tira was wearing shorts, although you never really saw it. She also had a slightly more active style and her face was into the SM Queen mode. The book editor suggested the shorts. But when it came time to actually make the comic we went with my design.

Celebration! Book 10

Here are some early development sketches of the characters from Sorcerer Hunter. As you can see, Carrot changed a lot from his first character sketch.

Hey!

I couldn't find any older sketches of Marron right now, but they looked something like this. Their hair stayed the same, though.

Marron had a very Japanese appearance in his first sketch. He was supposed to look Chinese, but this is how he turned out. He's supposed to be drop dead gorgeous, but I've said that before.

My legs!

I learned how to draw highlights for black hair by drawing Marron. I'd never done them before.

Carrot originally looked meaner, but other than that, he hasn't changed much from his first sketch. He's lost a little muscle and his hair's gotten longer. I guess. He may have gotten a little shorter, too, huh?

PREVIEW

STOP THE PRESSES! CARROT, THE MOST LECHEROUS, PERVERTED GUY ON THE SPOOLNER CONTINENT, HAS ACTUALLY FOUND A GIRL WHO LIKES HIM?! WELL, THE MYSTERIOUS NEW GIRL NAMED MOUSSE HASN'T RUN AWAY SCREAMING YET--AND CARROT IS ACTUALLY ACTING LIKE A GENTLEMAN (FOR ONCE)! BOTH TIRA AND CHOCOLAT HAVE ALWAYS HAD FEELINGS FOR CARROT, BUT ASSUMED THAT NO ONE ELSE WOULD BE INTERESTED. BUT NOW THAT CARROT LOOKS LIKE HE MAY HAVE FOUND TRUE LOVE ELSEWHERE, THEY'LL HAVE TO MAKE THEIR MOVE QUICKLY--OR RISK LOSING HIM FOREVER!

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